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Forsyth new SAC president

By MARK NESBITT
Staff Writer

Shane Forsyth, a business sales student, is the president-elect of the 1991-92 Student Administrative Council. He won by acclamation.

Shane replaces Cory Abt.

Three other executive positions were also filled by acclamation. Three positions will be decided by a student vote, while there were no nominations received for the position of vice-president finance.

The list of acclamations includes: Shane, president; Dale Deloughery, a general college student as vice-president external; and Christopher Smith, broadcast radio and television as vice-president athletics.

Two students are seeking the position of executive vice-president. They are Karl Anselstetter, broadcast radio and television, and Steven McIntyre, a law and security student.

Two students are seeking the position of vice-president internal. They are Karen Beattie, an accounting student, and Tammy Jo Moore, a business administration student.

Two students are seeking the position of vice-president social affairs. They are Glenna Hansen, a general college student, and Eric Hitchcock, a business administration student.

Campaigning for the three positions takes place until April 1. Campaign speeches will be given April 2 in the Hamilton Room, Welland campus, at 12:30 p.m.

Elections take place April 4. Advance polls will be held April 1 at the Mack Nursing Centre in St. Catharines from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls April 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the Horticulture Centre in St. Catharines April 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A 'catchy' exhibit

A marketing management student's exhibit was briefly on display Monday afternoon near the mini-cafeteria in the Simcoe building. Some students said the exhibit was sexist and in poor taste. Rob DiFelice, a third-year marketing management student and creator of the exhibit, defends the window exhibit. See Page 9 for story.

Photo by Vernon Browne

Dental hygiene program may return to Niagara

By MARK POWLEY
Staff Writer

Niagara College hopes to reinstate the Dental Hygiene program in September, Esther Dockman, secretary to the college's Board of Directors of the Niagara College Foundation, said.

The goal is to raise money in time to implement the program by Sept. 1.

"Hopefully the program will come into effect as soon as possible," Mrs. Dockman said.

If reinstated, the program will provide eight new units for an anticipated 44 dental hygienists at the Welland campus, until moving to the St. Catharines campus.

Local dental hygienists and dental assistants in Niagara region are currently being asked for their support. A task force consisting of three dentists and one dental consultant have contacted local dentists in the Niagara area by telephone or by letter.

The task force for fundraising was formed by Dr. Jim Jeffs who "got the ball rolling" by organizing dentists and meeting with the dental advisory committee at Niagara College.

"It's a team effort," he said.

A total of $233,000 is needed to implement the program.

Response to reinstate the program has been "very enthusiastic", Mrs. Dockman said.

Funds raised have varied from $4 — which was received in cash in an envelope — to a $5,000 cheque from a local dental group.

More than $62,500 has been raised in less than one month.

"We have been encouraged by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities that they would provide funding . . . provided that they can see a substantial amount of money being raised through the current fund-raising project," Bob Baddeley, director of the community services division, said.

He said there is a demand for dental hygienists and from students wanting the program. Many dental hygienist applicants are heading to the United States due to a limited space in programs across the province.

"We're trying to alleviate the problem with an increase to 44 students," said Mr. Baddeley.

"(It's) very badly needed, because it's an over subscribed program (and) it gives us a chance," said Lisa Sitzes, a dental assisting student.

College President John Saso has been a chief backer in the implementation of the program. "Mr. Saso has been very aggressive in terms of tackling the whole thing," said Ted Henderson, the college's dentist consultant and teacher.

In 1988, the program was suspended for financial reasons. In the final three years of the program, 88 per cent of the graduates stayed in the Niagara Peninsula,

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Centre gets new name

The student centre has a new name.

Originally called Knight's Quarters, the name was changed this week to After Hours.

Many students and faculty were concerned the old name was sexist.

"The main concern of the administration was not letting the general public see the name as sexist," Shane Forsyth, vice-president of social affairs and president-elect of the Student Administrative Council, said.

"It's a great name but we would prefer to have it related to the school. If we can't however, this one is suitable," Shane said.

Knight's Quarters, the previous name, was submitted anonymously with the $100 prize money — originally to go to the submitter — put toward the student centre.

A neon sign displaying the name of the student centre costs $8,000. The sign has not been completed.

"After Hours is not a sexist name. It relates to everyone in general. It represents going after class and people will go there to have a good time," Jamie Heath, executive vice-president of the Student Administrative Council, said.

The student centre, which cost $800,000 to construct, is expected to be open next month or early May.

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Open House

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Results today

A winner of the election for a student governor for the college's Board of Governors will be announced later today. The ballots will be counted this morning in the boardroom in Hennepin Hall.

The candidates, both full-time students, are Mark Sutch, 30, second-year business administration, and Brigitta Verbraeken, 26, second-year educational resources and special needs.

The winner will sit on the board for one year from September 1991 to August 1992, and take an active part in the primary decision-making body of the college.

The election was announced Feb. 15. Campaigning was held from March 6 to March 19. Voting was held Wednesday and yesterday.

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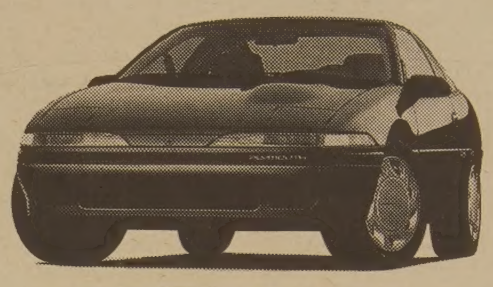

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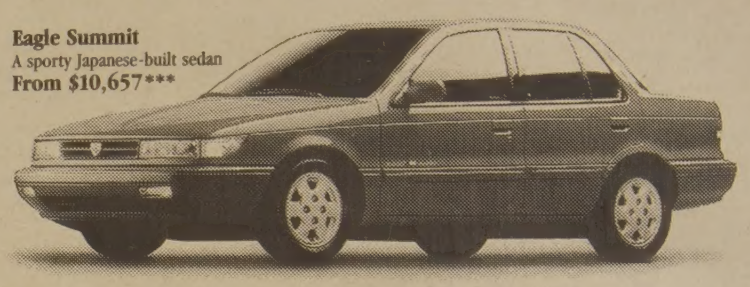

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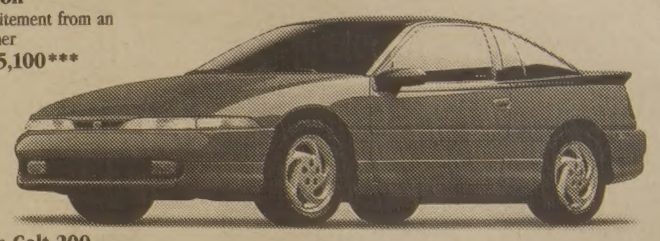

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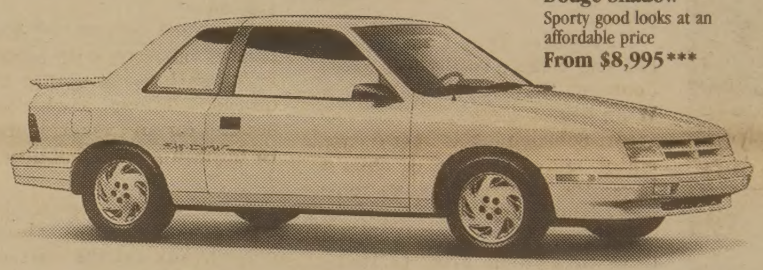

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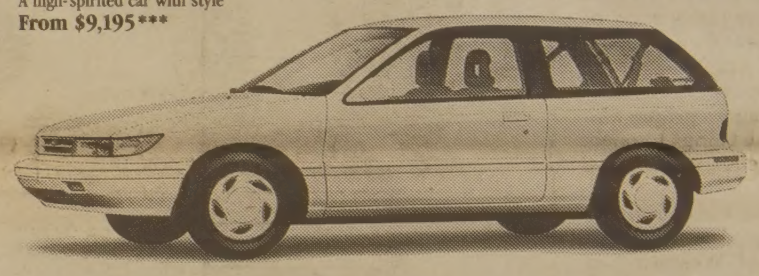

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Schleich has good intentions

By CINDY HARRIMAN
Staff Writer

David Schleich said Niagara College has some "very talented and creative people."

Mr. Schleich (pronounced Slike) recently assumed his duties as the new vice-president of academics at the Welland campus.

His goal for the academcis portfolio is "to model a commitment to supporting teaching and learning" at the college. "Our people are our strength in this."

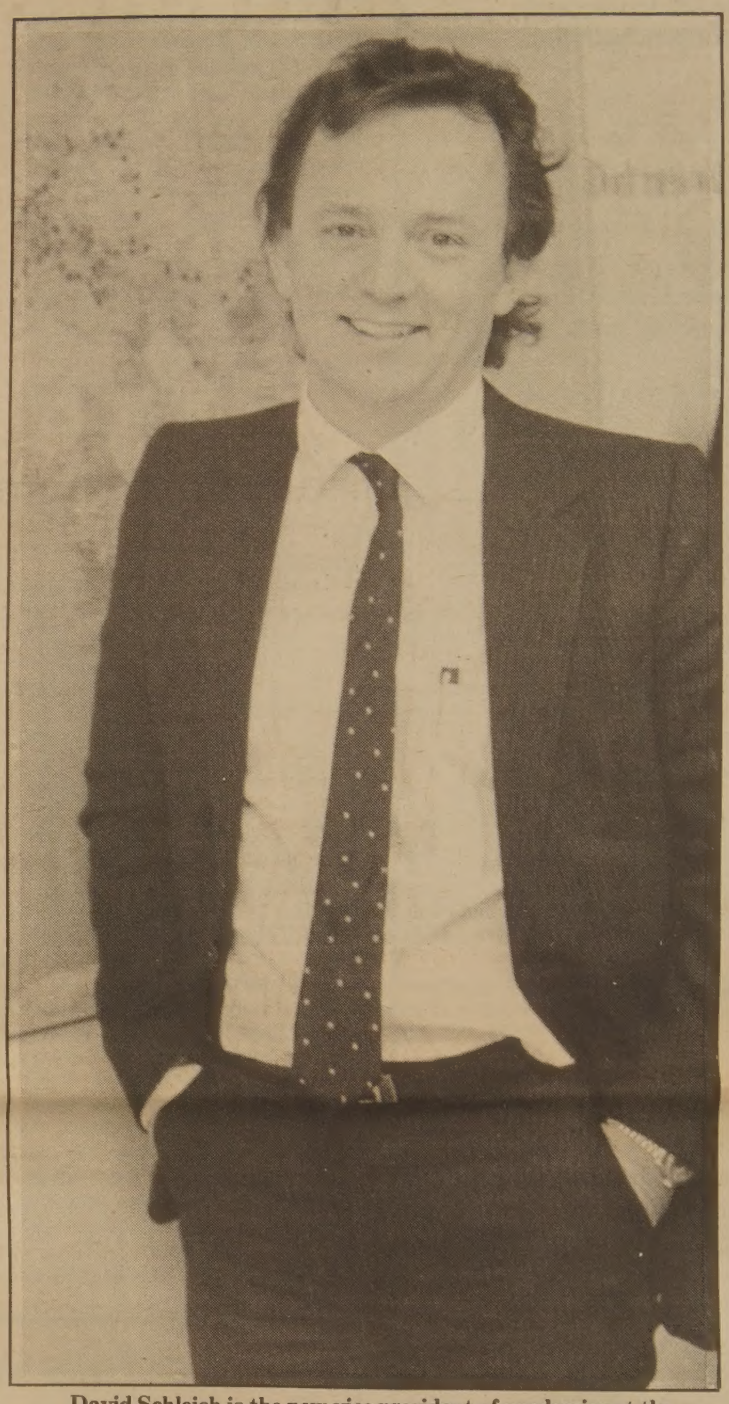
"We've also got quite a menu of new program ideas to convert into Monday morning reality," he said. His intention is to "honor good teaching and support good teaching."

Mr. Schleich, 43, said he sees many new programs and program changes in the college's future; for example, dental hygiene and general education. He foresees many new continuing education certificates. "The key here is to recognize that (college president) John Saso is a growth president. There are several dozen program ideas and proposals in the hopper — stay tuned."

Mr. Schleich said he is aware of the college deficit but remains optimistic. "In adversity there's always opportunity. It's a state of mind, really. We're really short of money, but our president has a vision of Niagara which is the opposite of a retrenchment. I need to meet all those Niagara people who are ready to make things happen. I believe we've already achieved lift-off."

Mr. Schleich has a broad education, having received degrees from the University of Western Ontario, Queen's University and the University of Alberta. He has been a teacher for many years and loves the classroom. "I'm very nourished by the teaching process," he said. "I've also been a manager-administrator for a long time."

He has taught at a variety of academic institutions: high schools in Huron County and Australia, the University of Alberta, a community college, and a polytechnical institute (like Ryerson) in Australia.



David Schleich is the new vice-president of academics at the college.

Photo by Jennifer Bartkiw

Mr. Schleich said "in another incarnation" he was a salesman, a brand manager for a consumer products company, the owner of a publishing firm and a partner in a construction and retail sales business. "It's more fun in the education business."

The staff in Mr. Schleich's portfolio consist of "a baker's dozen of directors and managers, and all of the support staff and faculty in their areas." He is responsible for the following divisions: applied arts, hospitality and tourism, human services, nursing, community services, technology, business, French language services, continuing education, English and articulation.

He has no complaints about the college. "This is the honeymoon period where I haven't run into anything distressing so far — except mounds of paper," he said. "I really like the sense of renewal and commitment to change and growth; the possibilities are wonderful here."

Mr. Schleich comes from St. Lawrence College in Kingston where he taught communications and English for the past eight years.

He replaced Tony Knowles, who left the college to become president of Red River College in Winnipeg.

Mr. Schleich is a former owner, editor and publisher of Quarry Press Inc., one of Canada's most successful literary presses.

During Mr. Schleich's leisure time, he said he loves to travel with his wife and daughter. He also plays drums in a rock and roll band called T-Bone Snake. He has been in this "weekend hobby band" for the past 13 years. Reading is another favorite pastime.

Mr. Schleich learned about the job opening "through the college grapevine." He is living in Welland where he just bought a house. He said he's already fond of the Niagara region. "I love the variety, the access and the ambiance."

Student council activities unnoticed

By MARK NESBITT
Staff Writer

A Niagara News survey shows most students have little or no understanding of the workings of the Student Administrative Council.

In a poll of 22 students from various programs, the students expressed a lack of knowledge of the Student Administrative Council duties, and a concern over the lack of publicity surrounding student council events.

Some of the comments include: "They have had no impact on my life here." "They take our money and we don't see any results."

However, not all the comments were negative. There was a general satisfaction with the social events and pubs offered, and an overwhelming positive response to the David Wilcox concert held at the college in February.

Shane Forsyth, social convenor and Student Administrative Council president-elect, said "a lot of what we do is not seen by the students."

He said much of the council's time is taken up with paperwork and meetings, and that the required 10-hour week "is not enough for an executive member to fulfill his responsibilities."

Shane said some of the publicity problems were caused by a lack of teamwork on the part of the council. "Internal dissension was a problem this year."

He expressed a hope next year's council will work as a team, and continue their good relations with the college administration.

Although pleased with the success of the pubs, Shane said the amount of social events was reduced this year as a result of "trying to save money for the student centre." He said he is looking forward to the time when pubs can be held on campus.

College signs agreement with Taiwanese firm

By DIANNA HARRIS
Staff Writer

A marketing agreement between Niagara College and Imperial Consultants Ltd. of Taiwan was signed Wednesday said Dennis Malone, English and articulation director, in an interview this week.

The three-year agreement, effective April 1, 1991 to Aug. 4, 1994, will see Imperial Consultants Ltd. in Taipei, Taiwan act as marketing representatives for Niagara College.

Imperial Consultants Ltd. will recruit international students by using promotional videos and brochures provided by the college.

International students who decide to come to Niagara College will be looked after by Imperial Consultants until they arrive in Canada.

When they arrive at Pearson International Airport in Toronto, "we literally pick them up," said Mr. Malone.

The students will be billeted with other people. They may later decide to live with another student in an apartment.

Parents of international students are very concerned about their children's education and safety Mr. Malone said.

Niagara College is marketed as a middle-size government regulated college that provides quality education, he said.

In addition, Welland is described as a quiet and safe place to live close to Niagara Falls, Ont. and the city of Toronto.

"We are looking forward to meeting our international students as a result of this agreement." Mr. Malone said.

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Editorials

A lot of money

Inaction and apathy costly

There is no question $250,000 is a lot of money. But that's approximately the amount of money Niagara College students gave the Student Administrative Council to spend on their behalf this year.

However, do you know where the money went?

The average student would say no. The figures don't lie. Total voter turnout for last year's Student Administrative Council elections was a staggering six per cent.

It can be argued student government is not the most exciting thing around. It appears most students would rather watch puddles dry up than attend Student Administrative Council meetings. But before you say "Why should I vote, it won't make a difference," ask yourself some important questions.

Were the Student Administrative Council members a visible presence around campus?

Were student council members receptive to any ideas or suggestions offered?

Did they work to improve student life?

Do I know what Student Administrative Council actually does with my money?

Ask these questions of yourself, and then ask the candidates about the points you don't understand. Campaign speeches will be given April 2 in the Hamilton Room, Welland campus, at 12:30 p.m.

Elections at the Welland campus take place April 4.

It takes 30 seconds to cast a ballot. If you don't take the time to vote, then you don't have the right to complain when the ABBA tribute band plays at the year end bash.

Mark Nesbitt

Be ready for spring

Spring is here.

The signs of the season are all around us: the snow is melting, the mud surrounding the new student centre is spreading, and students are beginning to show symptoms of burnout.

The spring break tans are fading, revealing the pallor of stressed-out students. The pressure is on.

With only five weeks left until the end of term, the time is here to prepare for final examinations and to seek job opportunities for summer. If you are looking for a part-time job, check the bulletin board in front of the Co-operative Education and Career Services office downstairs by the mini-cafeteria. For graduates, full-time job information is available inside the office.

Preparation is the key — whether looking for a job or preparing for examinations — don't wait until the last minute.

Perhaps one problem will be alleviated with the arrival of spring. It will no longer be necessary for smokers to break the law by lighting up in the various campus buildings to avoid the wintry conditions. The warmer weather will lure them back outside and stop the demands for smoking shelters — at least until next winter.

Cathy Watt

Letters to the Editor

Unfounded allegations

Dear Editor:

Cory Abt has become a supreme politician. His letter of attack on "some" reporters of the Niagara News is filled with vitriolic generalities.

In fairness to his voters and to reporters at Niagara News, Cory should detail the "trash, lies, and half-truths" to which he refers by reference to specific stories, specific misinformation, and specific misquotes so that a reasoned, intelligent dialogue can ensue between the press and the president.

It is not the role of reporters at Niagara News — nor at any other newspaper — to write stories "purely constructive in nature." (Cory's words)

Hard news stories are based on facts given to reporters from a variety of sources and reporters do their best to verify these before running their stories. In addition, they often contain the opinions of those interviewed and reporters indicate this by proper attribution.

Editorials, commentaries and letters to the editor are expressions of personal opinion and serve as a useful watch-dog in a democratic society.

Rather than detracting from school spirit, the Niagara News has rescued it from a lethargic state of apathy by stimulating discussion and debate — a healthy sign of life indeed.

Catherine Denison
Second-year journalism

The trashing continues

Dear Editor:

I'm appalled by the way Karen Schmous defamed Niagara College and that you would print such trash. (Niagara News, March 8, 1991). The federal government passed a law that all Canadian colleges' staff and students must obey. Her false accusations against Niagara College are an insult to the intelligence of your readers. As for her silly claim that smoking is a "right," we all have the right to health, safety and freedom of speech, religion, assembly and so on . . . but smoking is a limited privilege, not a basic human right.

I also take issue with her misstatements about the Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Act, *that contains not a single* reference to smokers being entitled to a ventilated area within the building that I can find. I challenge her to prove her allegations or withdraw her remarks and apologize to the college and her fellow students.

Destructive criticism such as hers only hurts the school spirit. And as for the college spending money on her vices — hasn't she heard that we're $1.4 million in the hole already? Providing a quality education is far more important than her smoking in comfort. As for her veiled threat of choosing to go to another college, I'd like to say to her, "Be my guest — you'll find the same federal laws apply to all colleges."

Cory Abt, Student Administrative Council President, (Niagara News, March 15, 1991) said it well, "Trash. Complete and utter trash . . . The Niagara News is time and time again filled with lies, half-truths, falsified testimony and unfounded references."

Barrie Brown
First-year
computer programming

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Bullpit

Women can be sexist too

By ARMANDO BARBARITO
Staff Writer

In the past six years, I have worked as a cook, a dishwasher, a maid, and I'm currently working as a chambermaid in Niagara Falls.

In these six years of working in jobs that have been primarily controlled by women, I have been the victim of countless sexist comments which continue to take place today. (Mind you, I could care less about these comments made by these individuals. I write this column to make a point.)

There seems to be a belief by a certain number of women that jobs such as washing dishes, doing laundry, cooking and vacuuming are best performed by women. I fail to see how these women can 'bitch' about men being sexist and yet, not even realize their own comments of discrimination.

Where is it written that women are better at child rearing than men? Or that you cannot be a 'man' and have a rag in one hand, and a Windex bottle in the other?

It is wrong and discriminating in this day and age to assume that a man's masculinity can be purely based on his occupation. It is also sexist. It is time to realize that sexism is not a trait held by only men, but by women as well.

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Instructor speaks of China experience

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Niagara College instructor Gaylene Levesque remembers fleeing China nearly two years ago as if it was yesterday.

The experience is etched indelibly in her memory.

Her experiences and memories are included in a lecture she has given about 20 times throughout southern Ontario and western New York.

Mrs. Levesque, of St. Catharines, an English as a Second Language teacher, was forced to flee China while on an English teaching assignment in Beijing for the State University of New York at Buffalo, where she taught for two years.

She fled the city, which was nearly brought to the brink of civil war by the bloody massacre of thousands of student demonstrators. Chinese army troops were ordered to break up the peaceful protest at Tiananmen Square, a few miles from where Mrs. Levesque was teaching.

She vividly remembers the chaos and horror surrounding June 5, 1989. "There was a general feeling of fear and anxiety everywhere. They had cut the telephones. There was almost no communication," she said.

Many of her own students and friends at the university where she taught were involved in the demonstration. Some were killed. Some were jailed.

In an attempt to express "the extreme brutality" used by the soldiers, she recalls the description given by one student who had witnessed the point-blank machine-gun slaying of six students at Tiananmen Square.

"We love you," the student said. "We don't love you," replied the soldiers who then opened fire.

Leaving

In attempting to leave China, Mrs. Levesque lost her visa. She and her family were detained for several hours at the airport.

They finally got out — three days after the massacre — once she realized bribery works. "I gave a customs official $150 at the airport. By that time, I would have given my left arm."

While driving through the ravaged city to the airport, her children, Eli, 13, and Star, 8, "played a kind of game with me by seeing how many burning tanks we could count."

Her husband, Bill, risked his life taking the photographs she uses in the slide portion of her presentation about her experiences. "There were helicopters flying low with snipers who would shoot photographers on sight."

She is not interested in being associated with the political forces that resulted in such a "human tragedy." She has given her lecture at Niagara College last October and recently (Feb. 21) at Brock University. Her presentation does not pit democracy against communism. It depicts a scenario of violence against people, suppression against freedom and bullets against bodies.

"I'm for civil rights, and I'm supportive of what the Chinese people want, but I don't think they've got what they want right now. The cost of the struggle in Tiananmen Square is counted in human lives. The estimate was 4,000 killed, but nobody knows for sure because they burned the bodies."

Mrs. Levesque, who has taught at the college since 1974, has given her presentation before human rights groups, women's groups, journalism students and a variety of others whose interest was sparked by the extensive media coverage she received after returning from China.

"I'm always interested to talk about it because when I left China people there told me, 'tell the world what happened here, tell the truth.'"

She does so with emphasis and determination, with spontaneous execution of voice and gesture, making it clear her presentation comes from the heart. "I think it's important for people to see and feel what happened there."

She describes China as "an incredibly rich culture and civilization." She is hurt by the suppression of people she came to know well. "To try and hold them down like they are is doomed to fail," she said.

And although the oppressive atmosphere in China appears improved today, "beneath the surface nothing has changed," she said.

No major demonstrations have occurred in nearly two years, but no one can tell when the frustration and anger will boil over again.

Only because of her lengthy stay in Beijing was Mrs. Levesque able to get a true feeling for a social system so different from the one she knows in southern Ontario. Human rights and freedoms are few or non-existent for the Chinese, while in Canada, those same freedoms are taken for granted and even written in law.

She emphasized the profound air of shock and confusion around the time of the massacre, pointing to the unexpected attack by soldiers at Tiananmen Square. "What people here don't understand is the army there is called the people's army and all the people there really believed the army was there to protect, not fight against the people."

"I don't have the answers. I don't say anything for what China should do — I think that would be presumptuous."

"All I've been trying to do in my presentations is to let people know the human factor, what it was like to be there and what the Chinese people really felt."

Although her presentation is based on her experiences, she wishes to convey a much broader message. "I think the issue transcends just China. It is really an issue of justice and human rights in general. What I saw there shocked me and touched my heart."

So much so, in fact, that the impression left with her has become a part of her life. She talks emotionally of those in China she knew and loved, some of whom are dead. "What I must do here is show people that those were real human beings who were killed in that square."

Gaylene Levesque, English as a second language instructor at Niagara College, stands in front of a memento of her teaching days in China. The Beijing Polytechnic University is close to where the massacre at Tianamen Square occurred.
Photo by Doug Morton

Activities organizer a mystery

By SUE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A mystery lurks in the halls of Niagara College.

Students are constantly exposed to various activities and events at the school, yet for the most part, they are unaware of who or what group is responsible for organizing these events.

Could it be the fairy princess of the pubs, perhaps the pixie from the land of bands, or the little elf of excitement who arranges all the activities which take place at the college?

If you picked any of the above suggestions, then this really is a mystery to you.

If you guessed the Student Administrative Council then you really are Sherlock Holmes. The Student Administrative Council is behind most of the planned activities at the school.

The Student Administrative Council acts as a liaison between students and the college administration, Shane Forsyth, vice-president of social affairs, said.

The Student Administrative Council not only represents the students, but also are the people who work out the budgets, do the paperwork, and organize events at the college "which build school spirit," he said.

"We (SAC) do a lot for the students that they don't see, such as the new students' centre."

Members of the Student Administrative Council attend meetings once a week, where they discuss issues concerning all students and where ideas are passed by council.

Shane said SAC is constantly discussing events which affect the students at the college.

These issues range from the hiring of a band, finalizing budgets, to picking the dates on which these events will be held.

The council is responsible for the annual student orientation day at the college, an event having "an important influence on the enrolment at the college."

The Student Administrative Council also co-ordinates functions with the Red Cross and other charities.

The operation of the council closely resembles that of a corporation. Official documents are produced, approved and signed. Reports are made, recorded and presented to the college's Board of Governors. Bookkeeping and files are kept up to date.

All of these tasks are performed by the executives of the Student Administrative Council for the benefit of the college students, Shane said.

"What we try to do is to get the students to be proud to attend the college, this is a hard thing to do since we haven't any residence (dormitories) and all our students live in this community," he said.

Former chairman wins award

Mary Anne Toomath-Seppala, former chairman of the Niagara College Board of Governors, recently won a Murie Misty Award for volunteer work in promoting tourism in Niagara Region.

"As chair of the Board of Governors last year and vice-chair the year before, I was instrumental in getting the new Hospitality and Tourism Centre," Ms. Toomath-Seppala said. "I worked at getting industry to support Niagara College."

The 24th annual Misty Awards were presented to individuals and businesses who contributed to tourism in Niagara Region in 1990.

Amy Bignucolo, chairman of the Niagara Falls Visitor and Convention Bureau, said, "Mary Anne is a tremendous supporter of Niagara Falls and very aggressive in promoting Niagara College.

"The Murie Misty Award was named after Don Murie who was a great supporter of our area," she said. "We are very proud of Mary Anne's achievements."

Ms. Toomath-Seppala lives in Niagara Falls and works for the Lincoln County Board of Education, special services department. She has done volunteer work for 18 years. She has been on the college's Board of Governors for four years, and served on the Greater Niagara General Hospital Board and the Niagara Women in Crisis Board.

"Volunteering gives me a great deal of enjoyment," Ms. Toomath-Seppala said. "I accepted the award on behalf of the college and I share it with the college."

Ms. Toomath-Seppala will have the wooden plaque engraved and give it to the Hospitality and Tourism Centre to hang on its recognition wall.

The award presentation was made Jan. 31.

Horticulture open house draws a large crowd

By CAROL KERSTEMAN
Staff Writer

Attendance was "exceptional" at last week's annual open house held at the Niagara College Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines.

More than 2,000 people attended the open house on Saturday.

"Community response to our open house has been great," Tom Ball, program co-ordinator, said.

The students had about one week to set up the greenhouses in order to sell the plants, and to build their displays. Interlocking brick was laid in some displays, walkways built from scratch out of flagstone in another, and all of it was temporary, put together only for the show.

"These students have done a month's work in four days. They're tired, but they're happy with what they've done," Mr. Ball said.

Michael Morocco, 29, a student in the program, was enthusiastic about the show and proud of its obvious success. He and four other students, Sean Ions, Henry Glems, Chad Hyatt and Will Ravensberger worked on a tropical setting featuring a lily-pool comprised of flagstone and large rocks, and included fountains with goldfish darting about in the foliage. Tropical flowers such as water lilies; water hyacinths; and bog plants, which are made up of rushes, reeds and flowers were displayed in profusion.

"We've had a week to set up," Michael said. "We designed all this ourselves. Some of the groups had leaders, but we didn't. It was all hand done, right down to the walkways."

The open house is the primary advertisement for the college's horticulture program. "It informs people in the area of what is going on in the horticulture department. To a lesser degree, it allows students to gain employment contacts; future employers are able to ascertain what the students are learning," Mr. Ball said.

"The biggest part is it is a learning experience for our students."

Mr. Ball said 90 per cent of the plants are grown in the horticulture greenhouses at the school. It is an extension of the classroom, essentially a "lab", and as a result, the excess of plants is then sold at the open house to raise money for "improvement of the course." This could include anything from text books to plant materials.

The students are not graded on the actual display, but the showcase goes toward their practical grade in general. "We try to give them (the students) as much latitude as we possibly can in order to make their own displays. A grade can sometimes be a negative," Mr. Ball said.

The open house is also used for recruitment. All people who have signed up for the horticulture program receive a personal invitation through the registrar's office. It is also a part of Continuing Education and the Co-op department.

Bonnie Winskell, of the Niagara College Co-op department, said she was "very proud" of the students and their work. "With these students it's a question of stopping them and saying 'Whoa! That's enough'. They love what they do and it shows." Ms. Winskell said it was a wonderful opportunity for the employers to see what the students can do.

"We've had positive response from local employers about accepting our students. What they're learning is applicable to what is going on in the industry."

Amy Lemay, of Welland, was visiting the open house with her family. She said she was "really impressed with the work they (the students) have put out."

Herbs were some of the featured plants this year.

John Hutton, of Jordan, Ont., was encouraging people to feel and smell such herbs as citrose, used to keep mosquitoes away; the aloe plant, whose gel is used to heal burns; and pineapple sage, which is sage, but which really smells like pineapple. Mr. Hutton said the show was going "really great this year."

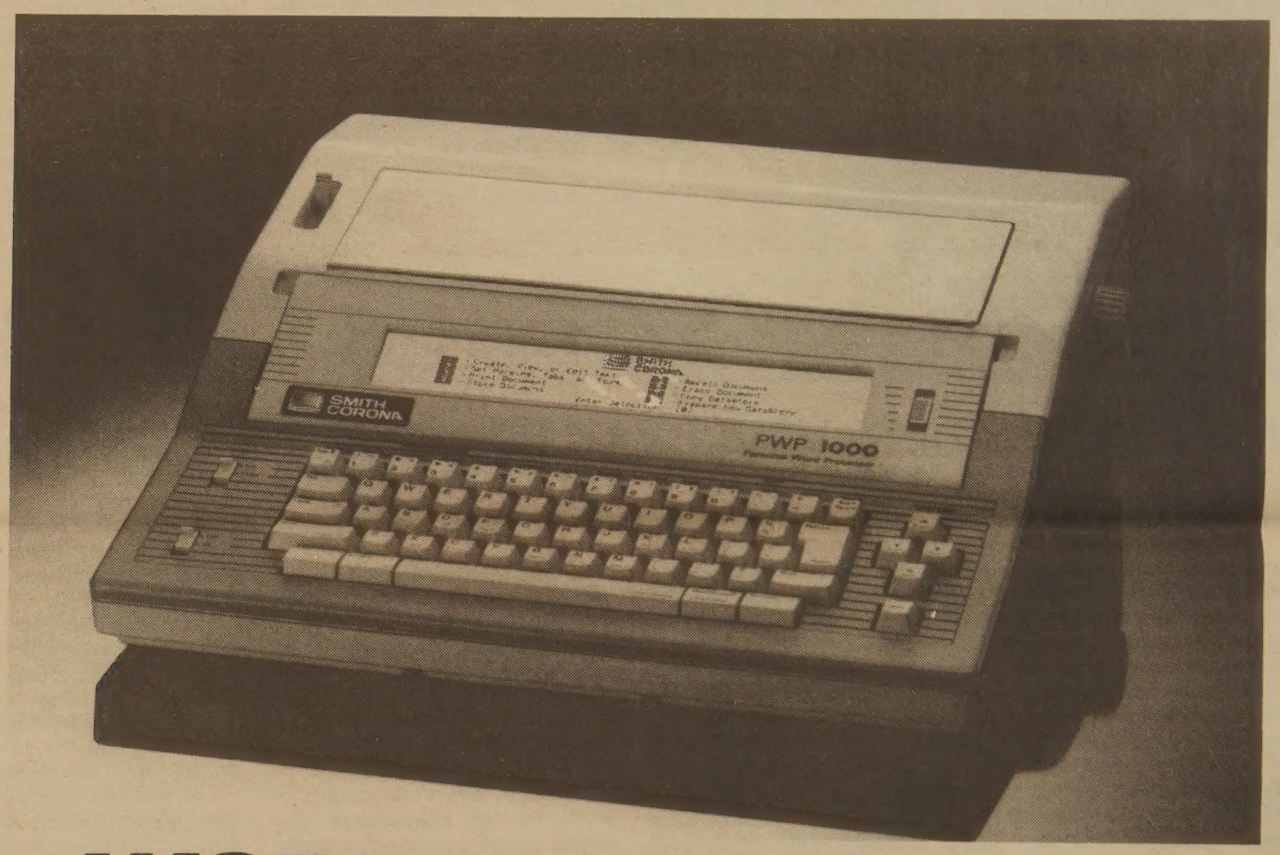
The trend in the industry is ecology, Mr. Ball said. For example the use of herbs, which are natural and mean using less salt in cooking; they're also good landscaping plants, are resistant to droughts and diseases, and need less maintenance.

Catherine Sinasac, a second-year horticultural student, enjoys helping at the annual spring open house last weekend at the Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines.
Photo by Catherine Denison

The open house receives support from various clubs and groups like the Orchid Society, the Bonsai Society, the Dwarf Conifer Society, and the Succulents Society. The St. Catharines and the Thorold Horticultural Societies also contribute. Materials are donated to the program, they sponsor scholarships, donate books, and guest lecturers are made available to the school.

"We're trying to make this a garden show for the St. Catharines area," Mr. Ball said. "We don't want to make it a commercial thing. It's not meant to advertise a particular business." However, credit is given to the private businesses who contribute to the displays by labelling with discreet signs.

The show was a "success in terms of turnout", but Mr. Ball said "success is measured a little differently in this case. If these students are enjoying the work they're doing and learning, it's a success."



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Board of Governors sets school policy

By DOUG MORTON
Staff Writer

Setting the "policy and guidelines" for Niagara College is the "most important function of the college's Board of Governors," David Bessey, board chairman and former Niagara College student, said.

"The president, vice-presidents, directors and managers run the college, but we set the overall goal," he said. "We look to the administrators for details and guidelines, but we set the policy."

"Our duty is to establish policy, administer the college and make decisions," Bernard Baril, vice-chairman, said, adding the board is ultimately involved in every aspect of the college, stressing the financial aspect of the board's duties. "We not only plan how to do things and when to do them, but also by what means."

As one of its single most important decisions, the board appoints the college president, and, through him or her, all other personnel. Committees to establish and maintain all academic, financial and administrative affairs are appointed by the board.

"The president is the key. Once we set the policy, he implements it," Mr. Bessey said.

"The president is the chief executive of the organization," Mr. Baril said. "He is the principal advisor on the board." The president, although the top college administrator, also sits on the Board of Governors as an ex officio member.

While the college is accountable to the board, the board itself is accountable to the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities through the ministry's Council of College Regents.

"We have a set of guidelines from the Council of Regents that must be followed," Mr. Bessey said.

The guidelines cover who will be selected, and how, to sit on the board and give it "a structure and makeup with a wide spectrum and cross section of men and women from the area."

The Council of Regents chooses board members from a list, supplied by the board, of nominated candidates. Selection mandates call for board representation from such diverse groups as business, education, law and labor.

"They review the candidates based on more than just their resumes," Mr. Bessey said.

"The control the government exercises on the board is largely financial," Mr. Baril said, adding, "We need their approval to apply for a loan or set tuition fees. We are not always happy with the controls, but the guidelines and criteria unify the college system provincewide."

Of the 17 board members, which meet monthly in Hennepin Hall, 12 are appointed from the community-at-large while four are elected from college groups: students, faculty, administration and support staff. The college president is the 17th member.

The appointed members receive no pay.

"It's strictly volunteer . . . members must be very involved in the college and the community," Mr. Bessey said. The members can serve a maximum of two terms of three years, and, for the first time, this year's elected members have full-voting rights.

The heads of the college's administrative affairs, academic affairs, audit review and executive committees are members of the board who have normally been governors for at least two years. Those elected usually serve one year.

A guideline report sums up who the governors should be: "The governors must be men and women of vision, dedication, strength and stature who collectively possess the diversity of experiences and viewpoint which enables them to represent the citizens with confidence and respect."

Here are the 13 appointed members:

David W. Bessey, chairman, of St. Catharines, is a former Niagara College construction technician student who owns Taro Bescot Construction Inc., St. Catharines, and is in his sixth year on the board.

Bernard Baril, vice-chairman, of St. Catharines, is also executive committee chairman and retired vice-president of Quebec and Ontario Paper Co. in Thorold. He has served three years on the board.

John Saso, member ex officio, was appointed president of the college, last September, replacing Jacqueline Robarts.

Anne Audet-Giroux, on the board three years, is the academic affairs committee chairman and retired program co-ordinator for French language schools of the Niagara South Board of Education, a part-time freelance educational consultant, a practising artist and a partner in M.Y. Giroux Enterprises.

Ted Bates, of St. Catharines, on the board one year, was the director of human resources for NEI-Ferranti Packard of St. Catharines.

Donald Beard, of St. Catharines, has been on the board for two years, is academic affairs committee vice-chairman and manages the Pillar and Post Inn, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Roy Brunner, of Welland, has been on the board four years and is the general manager of the Welland Business Development Centre Inc.

Laurie Huneault, of Pelham, was appointed this year and is the secretary/treasurer of Milen Marine and Mill Supply, Seaway Life Raft, and Port Colborne Laundry, of Port Colborne.

Susan Murray, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, is the administrative affairs committee chairman and vice-president for hotel operations for the Pillar and Post Inn, the George III Hotel, the Royal Anchorage Hotel-Motel, and the Queen's Landing Inn in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Linda Scaringi, of Niagara Falls, and with one year on the board is an assistant Crown attorney.

Mary Anne Toomath-Seppala, of Niagara Falls, is the former chairman of the board, now involved in education in St. Catharines.

Otto Urbanovics, of St. Catharines, the administrative affairs committee vice-chairman and retired Niagara Peninsula area co-ordinator for the United Steel Workers, has been on the board three years.

Frank Weisbeck, of Port Colborne, has been on the board one year, is the audit review committee chairman and former director of the Port Colborne General Hospital.

Here are four elected members:

David P. Abraham, of Welland, is the faculty representative and a mathematics instructor at the college.

Duncan MacDuff, of Welland, is the support staff representative and a training consultant at the college.

Ralph Martin, of St. Catharines, the student representative, is in the college's social services program.

Ivar E. Noren, of Welland, the administration representative, is director of applied arts, Niagara College.

Mary Hornak, of Welland, although not a board member, acts as the secretary for board meetings, is the executive secretary for the governors' office and was the first employee hired by the college in 1967.

Tax Tips for your 1990 Return

"Why should I file a tax return if I don't owe anything?"

Revenue Canada doesn't just collect taxes, it also delivers federal and provincial credits you could benefit from, including the goods and services tax credit, the child tax credit, and this year, for the last time, the federal sales tax credit. But if you don't file a tax return because you don't owe any taxes, you could miss out.

Is tax filing easier this year?
Revenue Canada has introduced new measures to simplify the tax filing process. The guides use clearer, plainer language, the Special return has been trimmed down and there are two new "no calculation" returns. The one-page, gold 65 Plus return is for seniors with income from pensions or interest. The white Short return is for people, like students, with simpler tax situations. If you choose one of the "no calculation" returns, we'll do all the calculations, including any federal or provincial credits you may be eligible for.

Got some tips?
First, look in the Guide that comes in your tax package. It gives you step-by-step instructions and helpful tax tips. Read the explanations for the lines that apply to you, and ignore those that don't. If your income situation hasn't changed much from last year, you can use last year's return as a reference.

What if I have questions?
If you can't find the answers in the Guide, you can call the people at Revenue Canada. The best times to get through are before 10:00 a.m. and after 2:00 p.m. From February 25 through April 30, Revenue Canada's phone hours are extended to 8:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday. There's also an automated phone service called T.I.P.S., for answers to common questions. For a complete list of services and phone numbers in your region, see your Guide.

What other services are available?
You can visit Seasonal Tax Assistance Centres in convenient locations, like shopping malls, for information, guides and forms. See your local newspaper for times and locations. There's also a video called "Stepping Through Your Tax Return" that you can borrow from public libraries or your district taxation office.

Anything I should watch for?
Make sure all the personal information printed on your return is correct, especially your address. Before you start, make sure you have all your receipts and information slips. Check your calculations, and attach all the information that's asked for in the return. These steps will help avoid delays in getting your refund.

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Over 2,000 expected for April 7 open house

By MICHELLE SIEWERT
Staff Writer

More than 2,000 students are expected to visit Niagara College during the school's annual open house April 7.

Many displays and exhibits are being organized to help potential college students get a taste of what Niagara College is all about.

Second-year students will act as hosts to their particular programs and as assistants to co-ordinators. All off-campus programs will be represented, including the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls and the Horticultural Centre in St. Catharines.

Area high schools,radio stations and libraries are publicizing the open house. Various activities are being organized in order to familiarize people with the school and its various programs. Among these activities will be a barbecue, and the selling of Niagara College 25th anniversary souvenirs and mementos.

Student Administrative Council will be sponsoring a barbecue and, weather permitting, a band will play in Manera Court. Otherwise, the band will be sharing the gymnasium with the athletic department, which hopes to organize games of volleyball.

The blueprints and architect's drawings of the new student centre will be on display outside the Student Administrative Council office.

"We'll be having both television studios in operation," Larry Taylor, broadcasting, radio and television co-ordinator, said. "Our radio station will be playing as well."

Also, second and third-year film students will be working on editing projects for people to see.

The engineering and technology program will be having a video demonstration and industrial robots will be performing various operations.

Models from the Millinkovich School of Modelling in St. Catharines will be in the fashion arts department to help give people a different perspective of the program.

"People interested in fashion arts are often interested in modelling too," Carole Timm, an instructor in the fashion arts department, said.

Elaine Spark of the college's finance department will be giving presentations at 1:30 p.m and 2:30 p.m. on how to fill out Ontario Student Assistance Program forms in L4. Information on student housing can be obtained by telephone in L5.

Open house programs and maps of the college will be available at several locations throughout the school prior to April 7. Counselling on general information about the college will also be available.

Many college volunteers will be wearing the 25th anniversary sweaters and T-shirts in order to be clearly visible to the visiting public.

Art Gallery

Curator position remains unfilled

By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

For the first time since 1979, the art gallery in Hennepin Hall did not open this year.

"Traditionally, one of the shows, the April show, would have been the fine arts," Thomas Fraser, mathematics professor who was the art gallery's curator from 1979 to 1985 and 1987 - 88, said. "I'm disappointed there aren't any shows this year."

Because the art gallery is closed, the visual arts and design students (formerly named fine arts program) have no where to hang their art. Originally, the art gallery would rent space in Hennepin Hall, which is now only being used for storage by the college. Hennepin Hall was used for displays of both local and out-of-town artists.

The position of curator was not filled last May.

The art gallery's board and the college administration are now undergoing negotiations for a show next year, Mr. Fraser said.

The need to display the art by visual art students led the program to remove some unnecessary lockers to hang their art there. The students will be rotating the larger forms of art so all of the work will get a showing. The gallery, if it had been used this year is "far too small" for the textiles, Ken Cosgrave, co-ordinator of visual arts and design group, said.

Mr. Cosgrave does not care about "what they do with the art gallery. All I care about is what happens in here and what happens to my students."

Mr. Cosgrove welcomes anyone who wishes to see the art in the new space provided by the missing lockers in the Black Walnut building. Although the visual arts program will not be having a formal show, the students will be displaying their own art in their newly made cabinets.

Rock band's new release: Road Apples

By MARK DENIS
Staff Writer

Road Apples is the third release from the Kingston, Ont. rockers The Tragically Hip.

The album is littered with the poetic imagery of Gordon Downie, the charismatic lead singer of the Hip. In 'Twist My Arm', Downie writes; "sucked up by the victim world/thirsty as a cultured pearl/martyrs don't do much for me/though I enjoy them vicariously."

Record Review

The album is a combination of straightforward, unapologetic rock such as 'On the Verge' to sensitive stories of life as heard in 'Fiddler's Green'. A satirical view of the Canadian language issue is demonstrated in 'On the Verge' as Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. is described as a backward town which "makes laws just because."

Downie is supported by four other members which include: guitarist Paul Langois, brother of producer Daniel Langois; Bobby Baker and Gord Sinclair, guitarist and bassist; and Johnny Fay, percussionist. The Tragically Hip are distributed by MCA Inc. of Canada.

The Tragically Hip have followed their previous album 'Up to Here' with little remorse. Songs like 'Little Bones', 'Three Pistols' and 'On the Verge' may lead the Hip to further Canadian and international success. This album does not disappoint and should be given the attention of all who question their role in today's society.

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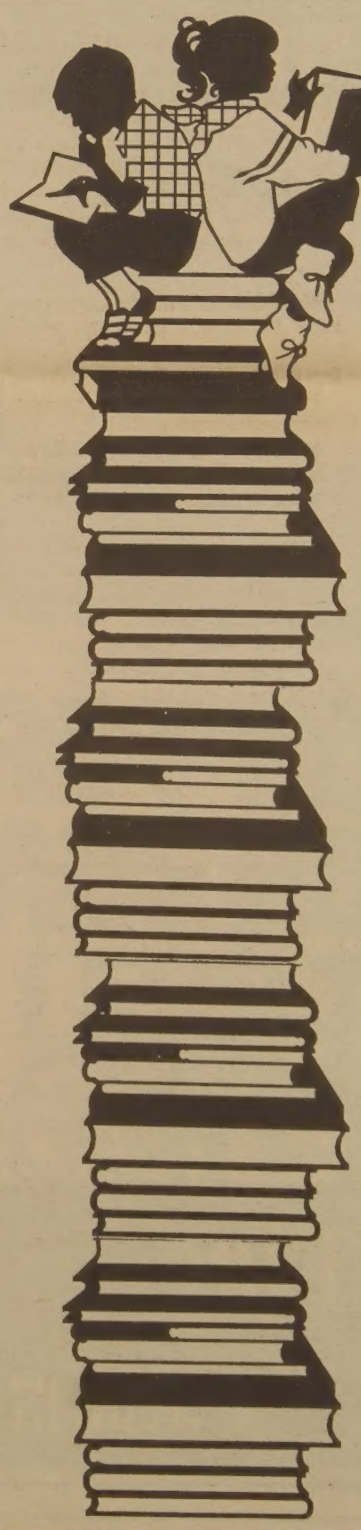

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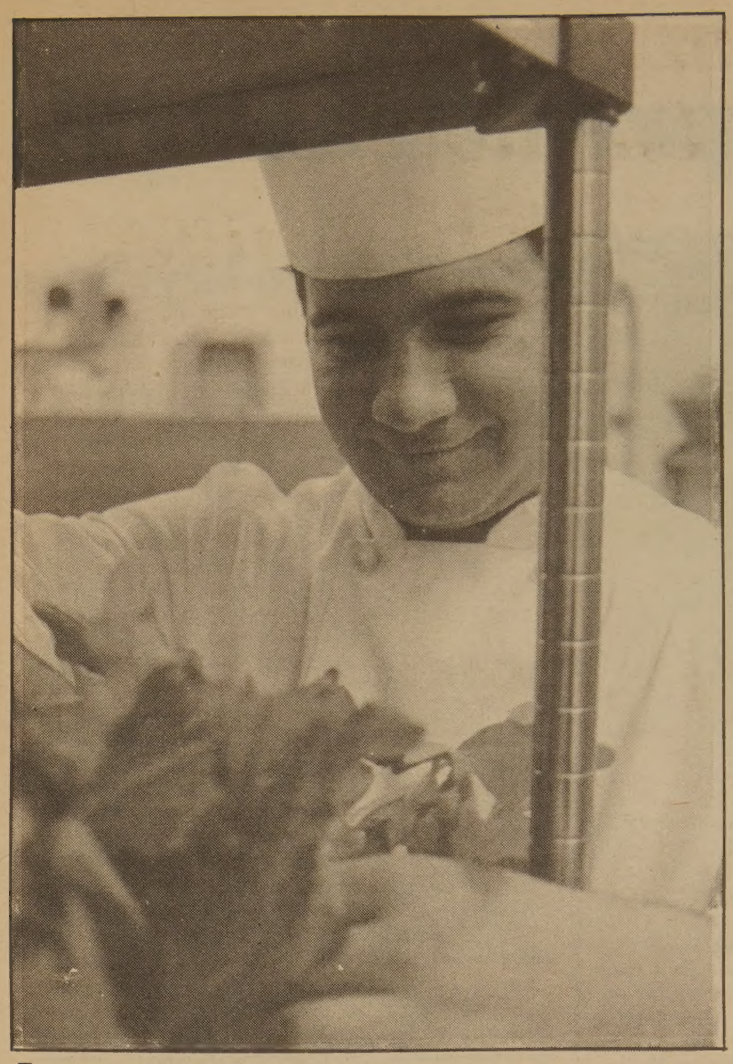

Inspecting the greens

Second-year hotel and restaurant administration student Claudio Marchese inspects the fresh greens about to be served at the Salute to Italian Gastronomy dinner. More than 200 tickets were sold for the dinner, held March 16, which was organized and prepared by the students.

Photo by Richard Douglas

Dummies pose problems

By MARK POWLEY
Staff Writer

Semi-naked mannequins temporarily grabbed the attention of onlookers on their way to the mini-cafeteria Monday at noon.

The dummies were posed in a window display Tuesday morning (adjacent to the Student Administrative Council office).

The display was later changed Tuesday morning when Rob DiFelice, co-creator and third-year marketing management student, was asked to change the display.

"I don't think it should be changed," Rob said. "People have a right to complain, but . . ."

The display, advertising for Boulet Boots (from Elios Shoes in Thorold), originally portrayed a female mannequin dressed in a shirt, latching a rope around the wrist of her male counterpart, who had his two jean buttons loosened, shirt open and covered partially with hay.

The director of business and a business secretary later covered the window with paper.

To avoid further controversy, Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and human resources, said the "display will be changed."

The display now has a female mannequin wearing a shirt and jeans. The male mannequin does not have his wrist roped and his jeans are buttoned.

In response to the change of the window, Rob said, "(apparently) it suggested bondage."

Rob defended the store window. "It's meant to be aggressive — create a lot of attention."

Nelson Lacroix, an instructor in the school of business, said "it portrays a female in a degrading manner."

Some students felt the display pushed the advertising message too far, feeling the advertisement had an undercurrent of a sexual act.

"I wouldn't have gone that far," said a retail management student who did not wish to be identified.

Robert Skrumeda, a third-year marketing management student, had the opposite opinion about the window. "It brings more attention to the window because there is so much controversy involved," he said.

Other students were either apathetic or saw humor in the exhibit. "I think it will sell a lot of cowboy boots," said another student.

"I don't think it's too suggestive," a first-year general college student said.

Window displays are done by unsupervised marketing students over the weekend.

Young Drivers of Canada courses offer students insurance breaks

By DIANA HARRIS
Staff Writer

For those students who choose to drive to school, the cost of maintaining a car and paying insurance can be prohibitive. Along with the responsibilities of owning a car, is the need for the student to drive safely — defensively — at all times.

Young Drivers of Canada teaches defensive driving and students who successfully complete the course generally get lower insurance rates. There is the added bonus of being able to claim the course on your income tax return if you can prove you needed to take the course in order to drive to school.

The Young Drivers of Canada approach is to develop a sense of "awareness" with their system of five driving habits and 25 subhabits. Within this system are the two concepts of "effective seeing" and "maintaining space".

The 125 centres across Canada were established in Toronto in 1968 by Heinz Naumanm who saw the need for a different type of driving school than was available through the high schools at that time.

Over the years, Young Drivers "moulded together various driving systems (we are) constantly evolving as more research is done about behavior," Steve Etienne, 31, regional director of western Ontario, said in a telephone interview last week.

Behavior and attitude are stressed during in-class and in-car instruction.

Mr. Etienne said the instructors have to have a professional attitude towards driving and teaching.

"They have to be motivated to teach safe driving."

Marilyn Walkington, 21, a first-year journalism student, took the Young Drivers course in Barrie, Ont.

"Most people I know take the course because they know they will get a break on their insurance," she said.

Marilyn feels it is better not to have a family member or someone you know teach you how to drive.

"You feel better learning to drive with a professional because what they teach you is correct . . . I would recommend it to anyone," she said.

The course consists of 15 in-car lessons and 24 hours of in-class instruction. The instructor books your road test when they feel you are a "safe" driver. In order to receive a certificate, the student must attend all the in-class lessons, pass two written tests with at least an 80 per cent average and hold a valid temporary driver's licence.

Eva McCarney, a part-time English teacher at Niagara College, took the course last summer "to build more confidence when driving". She already had her driver's licence.

"It was a terrific thing to do," she said. "Everybody should be taught by professionals."

"When my husband taught me to drive, I hated every second of it. He said I was trying to get him killed."

Mrs. McCarney's instructor was Bob Barber, 40, of Welland, Ont.

"He was calm and unemotional . . . I sort of hear his voice now when I'm driving," she said.

Mr. Barber, an in-class and in-car instructor, has been with Young Drivers since 1988.

"Defensive driving and the right attitudes are important. There is no room for emotion when driving," he said.

Mr. Barber said in order to teach young people effectively he must respond to their personalities and understand a lot is going on in their life other than driving. For example, school, jobs and socializing; therefore, their mind may not always be on the task at hand.

"Two techniques taught by Young Drivers, gravel shoulder recovery and head-on avoidance, these two alone are worth the cost of the course because they can keep you alive," Mr. Barber said.

The course is not just for young people. It can be taken by mature students and teachers. Mr. Barber said the older students sometimes have "pre-set" notions about driving or they may be nervous about driving for the first time. But they are usually more "motivated" than the younger students and they are sometimes more aware of the dangers in traffic.

Determined to succeed

By ARMANDO BARBARITO
Staff Writer

She gently sips from her cup of coffee and smiles.

Mary Paola, 21, of Niagara Falls has a "strong determination to succeed."

The second-year student in the Hotel and Restaurant Administration program at the Niagara Falls campus of Niagara College is looking forward to her future career.

Besides cooking, which is her favorite hobby, Mary also enjoys travelling. She has travelled to Italy, France and Mexico. "I love to travel," she said. "Travelling worldwide is something which I hope to do before I settle down."

As well as being a dedicated student, Mary is seeking to move ahead in a modelling career and hopes to study fashion photography in the near future.

Mary was in last year's Miss Niagara pageant, finishing as one of the 12 finalists.

"I really enjoyed it," she said of her experiences in the pageant. "I love fashion and the pageant allowed me to experiment with different types of fashion. It was an outlet which allowed for my creativity to come through."

Asked where she hopes to be in 10 years, Mary is hopeful of owning her own hotel and restaurant. She also wants to be married and wealthy enough to travel with her family.

"I want a successful career and to be financially independent. Having a family is something which I plan to accomplish in the future, but at the moment, pursing a career in hotel and restaurant management is top priority on my list," she said.

Legacy continues

A presentation of the Corpsuckle Cup and the Bud Blood Drop doll will take place Monday, April 1 in the cafeteria in the Black Walnut building.

The Corpsuckle Cup is awarded to the college program with the highest percentage of blood donors. The Ambulance and Emergency Care program had a percentage donation rate of 86.1.

It is the ninth year the program has won the award.

The Bud Blood Drop doll is awarded to the program with the highest number of actual donations. Seventy-seven donations of blood were made by the first-year law and security administration program.

Both programs participated in the annual Red Cross blood donor clinic competition at the college last Nov. 15.

The Bud doll was created by Jan Potton, a Niagara College psychology instructor, as a way of recognizing and showing appreciation to the program with the largest percentage of blood donors.

The Bud doll is shaped as a blood drop.

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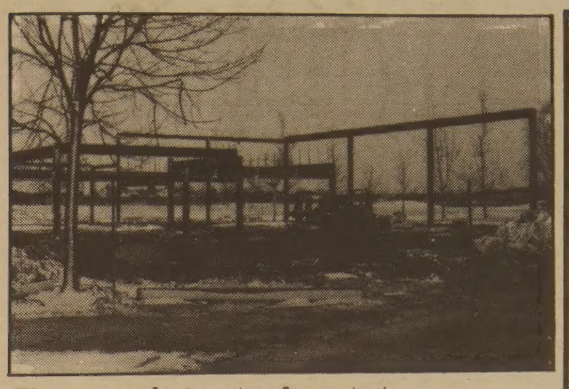
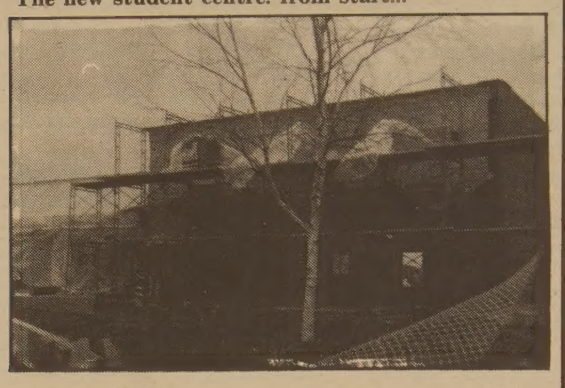


The new student centre: from start...



...to near-finish.

Niagara students get a place to play

By DAVID REMPEL
Staff Writer

After nearly 20 years of planning, saving and hoping, Niagara College finally has the one thing essential to all post-secondary institutions — a student centre.

Now named After Hours, Niagara's new 7,900 square-foot pub is located at the Welland campus and was designed to encourage the development of school spirit as well as to give students a place in which to relax, socialize and escape from the rigors of academic life.

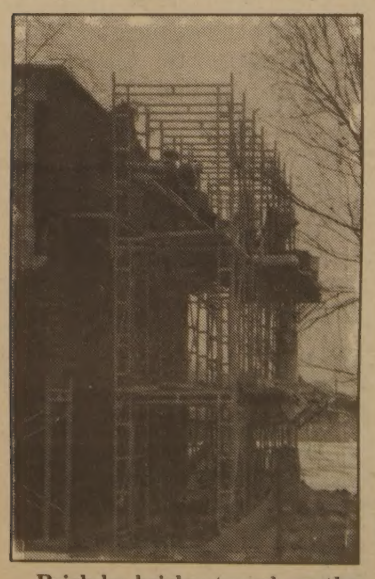
The student centre will contain a pub area with a bar, a lounge, a game room and the Student Administrative Council's offices. A designated smoking area is under discussion by Student Administrative Council and the college.

The $800,000 centre was originally to be built by mid-1990, but frequent revisions to the blueprints and other planning necessary for final approval by the college pushed back the construction date until September, 1990. Fortunately, this delay was the only one in the centre's construction. Work on the building has continued uninterrupted since the ground breaking last year.

After Hours will officially open its doors June 8, 1991, according to Student Administrative Council.

The cost of the student centre will be covered entirely by student funds. The college has donated the land on which the centre is being built. In addition to the money Student Administrative Council saved in the student trust fund, a $25 student fee was added to college tuition fees last year to be put toward the cost of the centre.

After more than two decades of waiting patiently, Niagara students will finally have a place to play.



Brick by brick: at work on the student centre.

By ROBERT FINLAY
Staff Writer

If nothing else, this has been a year of firsts for Niagara College.

In the space of one year we have welcomed a new college president, **John Saso**, watched the continuing construction of a student centre — tentatively named the Knight's Quarters, now known as **After Hours** — and seen the establishment of an English language program for foreign students which will help build Niagara's reputation for international education.

At the same time we saw the establishment of a new environmental group at the college, were introduced to two new vice-presidents, saw the foundation of an alumni association and witnessed the closing of Niagara's **Hennepin Art Gallery** for the first time in 12 years.

A former vice-president of administration at Humber College, John Saso has put his "expansion, not contraction" style of business to work at Niagara College this year. Unanimously elected to the position by the Board of Governors and the selection committee, Mr. Saso replaced former president **Jacqueline Robarts** Sept. 1, 1990.

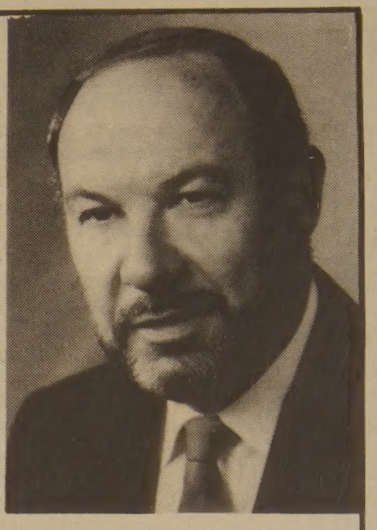
Niagara's $800,000 **student centre** will be completed in May. Workmen are currently putting brickwork on the front of the building and it should be ready for student use by the beginning of the fall semester this year. The 7,900 square-foot centre was begun in September of 1990 and will be paid for entirely by a student trust fund set up by the college.

Niagara jumped into the international education arena this year with a new program aimed at building English as a Second Language into a major draw for the college. The **Centre for Language Studies** opened Oct. 18, 1990, welcoming nine students into the first class from countries such as Libya, Hungary and South Korea.

Staff and students have both made their marks on college life as well, contributing their time and energy to make a difference.

International student adviser **Hugo Bessems** became the first-ever Niagara staff member on the board of directors for the **Canadian Bureau for International Education**, a national organization dedicated to expanding education beyond Canada's borders.

Second-year journalism students Joan Greaves, Helen Parkinson and **Student Administrative Council president Cory Abt** formed **Earth Now!**, an environmental group which began its campaign for a better planet by distributing boxes for fine-paper recycling throughout the college.



JOHN SASO

The **Niagara Knights** hockey team posted a good season made better by shutting out the Penn State team on their home ice for the first time, and winning the International Collegiate Hockey League playoff championship for the second time in two years.

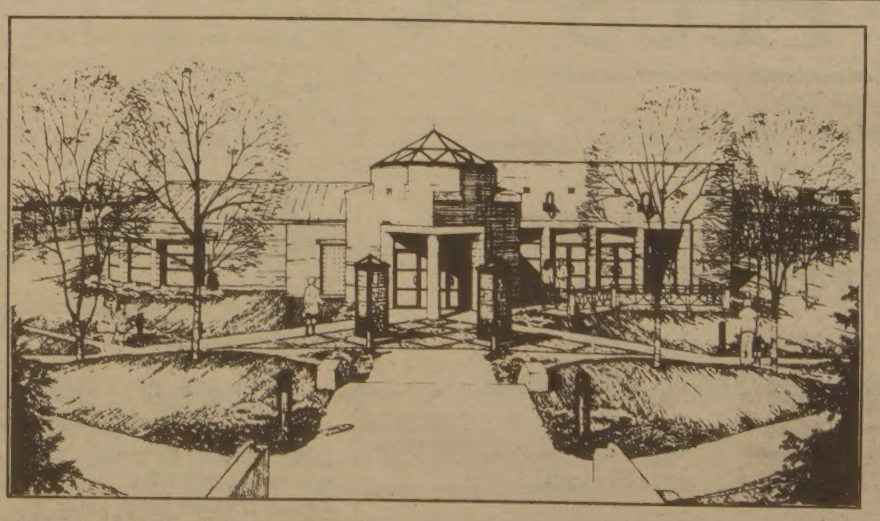
On the administrative front, president John Saso's plans for a bigger and better Niagara College hit the ground running as two new vice-presidential positions were created and two newcomers to the college were chosen to fill them.

Dan Patterson, formerly with the Ontario Ministry of Skills Development, started as vice-president of community ventures Jan. 28. **Carol Boettcher**, formerly the director of human resources at Humber College in Toronto, took charge of the student life and human resources department March 4.

Not all has been rosy, however. For the first time since 1979, the Hennepin Art Gallery did not open. The closing was due to a lack of a curator and tough funding times. Over the years, the gallery has displayed both local and out-of-town artworks.

Graduating students had $10 tacked on to their student fees for an alumni association founded this year. The fee, approved by the Board of Governors, will help raise the estimated $15,000 needed to start the alumni association.

Other firsts included the establishment of an indoor soccer team for Niagara, the enrolment of the first male in the dental assistant program, the creation of a parking appeals board. and the erection of new lights in the main college parking lots around the Welland campus.



Artist's rendering of the student centre. Official opening is to be June 8.

Expansion a key: Saso

By DAVID REMPEL
Staff Writer

On Sept. 1, 1990, John Saso's tour of duty as Niagara College president began.

The fourth Niagara president in 24 years, Mr. Saso was unanimously chosen by Niagara's Board of Governors and Selection Committee after a seven-month long search was instituted last year.

Stepping into the position left vacant by Jacqueline Robarts when she retired in 1990, Mr. Saso said his plan is to make Niagara a "centre of excellence with a reputation that extends beyond its geographical region."

As the head of an institution with poor morale and a $1.4-million debt, this is a goal indeed. The former Humber College vice-president of administration said he was attracted to Niagara College by its potential for growth and development.

"There is a tremendous opportunity for good teamwork between the community and college for advancement," he said. "There are more raw materials in the way of staff and students than in any other college I've seen. There's the ability to liase with business and industry and new ventures to pursue."

One of his goals as president is to see Niagara's enrolment double. To facilitate this he said programs appealing to those outside the community not offered by other colleges and programs specific to business needs must be established. A student residence must be considered as a drawing card to Niagara as well. This reinforces his belief in "expansion, not contraction."

His formula for Niagara College's success is an intertwining of the community and students to build a partnership with industry as a bridge to the future.

"(Niagara College) should help ourselves by breaking new ground and co-operating with industries and businesses. Industry should be partners with education."

New vice-presidents join the college team

By ROB FINLAY
Staff Writer

One of Niagara College President John Saso's plans for improving the college has already been realized, just seven months after his arrival.

Two new vice-president positions were created as part of a plan to reorganize college administration and encourage growth at the college.

DAN PATTERSON

Dan Patterson and Carol Boettcher recently joined the college to take the newly created posts of vice-president of community ventures and vice-president of student life and human services.

CAROL BOETTCHER

Mrs. Boettcher's duties will fall into the category of morale boosting, updating programs and helping staff and students at the college.

Mr. Patterson's goals will most likely be more financially oriented. His duties will include selling the college's upgrading programs to industry and raising money in community ventures.

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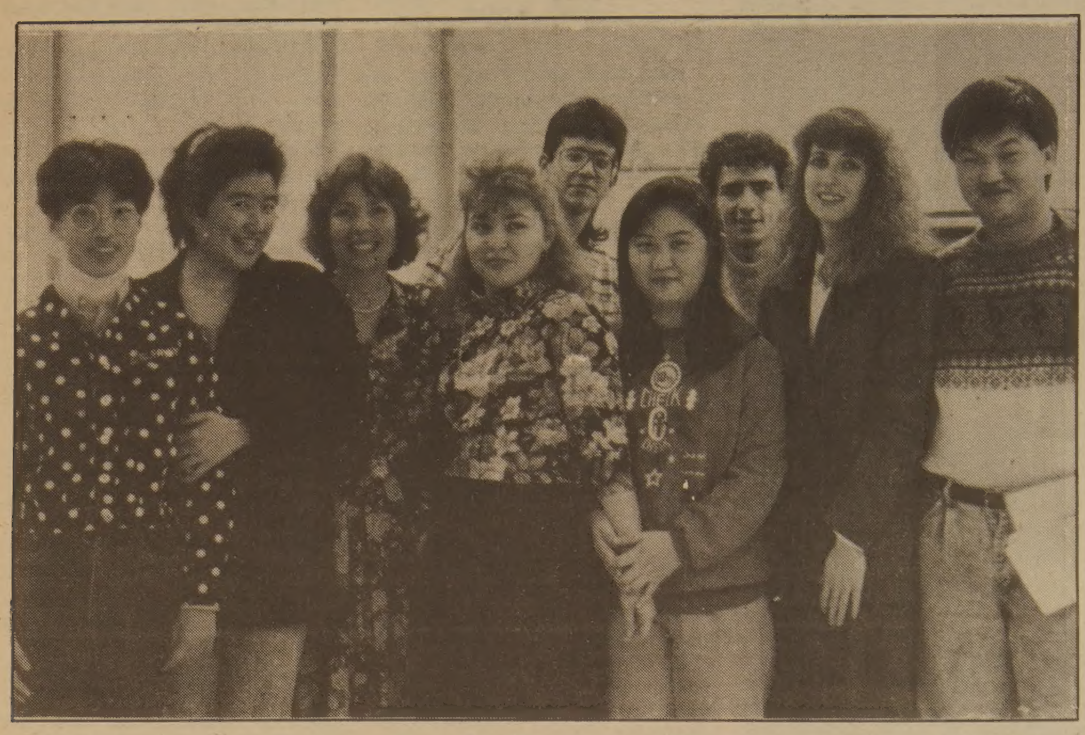

From left to right: Ivy Ng, Eiko Nishi, Gaylene Levesque (ESL instructor), Klara Janko, Mauricio Pereyra, Julie Ha, Masaud Idris, Kelley Fast (ESL instructor), Liew Shen Loh.

Pioneering international studies

By ROBERT FINLAY
Staff Writer

A program pioneering the development of international education at Niagara College successfully graduated its first seven students this February.

Liew Shen Loh, Eiko Nishi, Mauricio Pereyra, Julie Ha, Ivy Ng, Klara Janko and Masaud Idris received certificates for passing the intermediate level of English proficiency examinations offered at the college's English as a second language program.

The English as a second language program, part of the Centre for Language Studies, opened Oct. 18, 1990, welcoming eight original students from Libya, Mexico, Hungary, South Korea, Japan and Malaysia.

Some of the people behind the program are Gary Webb, English development co-ordinator; Dennis Malone, English and articulation director; Hugo Bessems, international student adviser; Gaylene Levesque, English as a second language instructor.

The centre will cultivate a large market of international students seeking training in English, and will also help spread Niagara College's reputation along with the students. In addition to the full-time English as a second language program, 13 summer programs will be offered next year which include instruction in business English, English for technology, college preparation courses and English immersion.

"Students go home and take back a knowledge and love of Canada. We hope that business will come from that," Mrs. Levesque said.

Another first for Niagara will be the foundation of an international student scholarship fund. The fund is currently in the early stages. A committee has been set up to work on raising money for the fund and to finalize its final form.

If successful, the scholarship will provide funds for a selected applicant from any country in the world who has the academic ability to succeed and lacks funding from any other organization to attend school.

"There's a dual purpose," Mr. Malone said. "To help the student and to raise the awareness of international education at Niagara. It will have limited impact, but it still demonstrates the college's commitment to international education."

Patterson, Boettcher join Niagara College team

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A director of human resources for Humber College in Toronto for the past four years, Mrs. Boettcher is comfortable in her new role as vice-president of student life and human resources.

"I've done human resources and labor relations for a lot of years. The exciting aspect of this portfolio is getting involved with the people that we are here to serve," she said.

She has 12 years of experience in personnel and labor relations at the Hudson Bay Company. She recently completed a master of arts degree from Central Michigan University.

A former administrator with the federal and provincial governments, Dan Patterson began his new position of vice-president of community ventures Jan. 28.

Mr. Patterson worked for the Ontario Skills Development ministry before applying for the position at Niagara College. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Windsor, a master of science degree from the London School of Economics and a master of education degree from the University of Toronto.

In a press release issued through the president's office shortly after his appointment, Mr. Patterson stated some of the challenges he faces in his new postion:

"Above all, the challenge is to ensure Niagara College takes a quantum leap forward in its responsivesness to the community it serves. To serve the market well is to ensure success."

The new portfolios were created as part of a plan by Mr. Saso and the college Board of Governors to accomplish five specific goals. These goals include:

— updating programs to acheive full student potential,
— improve staff morale through recognition of contributions,
— boost financial health through expansion,
— establishing new business ventures,
— consolidating the 12 college campuses into three locations.

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Special Feature

With files and photos from: Catherine Denison, Jennifer Bartkiw and Karen Gibson.

Three models show the latest in fashion at the Seaway Mall last weekend.

Photo by Lynn Drapeau

Spring fashion show a success

By LYNN DRAPEAU
Staff Writer

There were beautiful women, gorgeous clothes and great music at the Seaway Mall in Welland last weekend; the only thing missing was a place to sit.

The fashion show by the second-year fashion arts students last weekend was a "hit" say a number of people who saw the show. There were more than 250 people at the show with their toes tapping and their hands clapping. There was, however, a seating problem.

One man in the audience, Stacey Stilwell, said he loved the show and was impressed by the turnout, but "it was hard to see if you're a little short guy."

He was not the only one who talked about the seating problems. Bonnie Bates, manager at L.A. Express, a clothing store, said, "I was actually amazed at how many people were out there. They need more seats to have people sit down."

"The music was the best I've heard in any fashion show," Marlene Corner, a mother of one of the models, said. "It was all upbeat."

Most people, however, as much as they enjoyed listening to the music, "loved" looking at the fashions on stage. The clothes themselves were supplied by the mall merchants and the models were courtesy Secrets Modelling Agency of Niagara Falls. The models were both male and female, young and old.

As the models strutted their stuff on stage, the artist, Pierre, played by first-year fashion arts student, Angela Enns, sat to the right side of the stage and turned cards displaying the names of the sponsors for each segment. She said Friday's show "went really well"; however, she was more impressed by Thursday's show. "It was our first one and we didn't know what to expect. They changed some of the scenes tonight that I didn't know about," she said. "It was fun."

Melanie Webster, a second-year student and one of the producers of the show, was impressed with the entire gala event. Early Friday, she said, they did a little bit of practicing to "straighten out everything." In Thursday's show, it was difficult to tell there was even a problem because "they covered it up so well," she said.

The fashion show served not only for entertainment, but also for advertising purposes. Miss Bates said fashion shows sometimes bring people in the mall and sometimes they don't. Through the years, Miss Bates has seen many fashions, but believes "this is the best one so far. They just keep getting better every year," she said.

Last call

This is the last call for graduation photographs.

Photographs will be taken Saturday and Sunday at the Mack Centre in St. Catharines from 9:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary. There is a $5 sitting fee.

Nomination surprises teacher

By CATHY WATT
Staff Writer

Philip Scoones, an instructor in the college's technology division, has been nominated for the outstanding branch counsellor and adviser award of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers for 1990-91.

Ten awards worldwide are presented to recognize a counsellor's commitment to the educational, personal, professional and technical development of students in electrical and electronic related fields.

Mr. Scoones, a counsellor for five years, was surprised by the nomination and "didn't expect it. It was nice of them to take the trouble," he said.

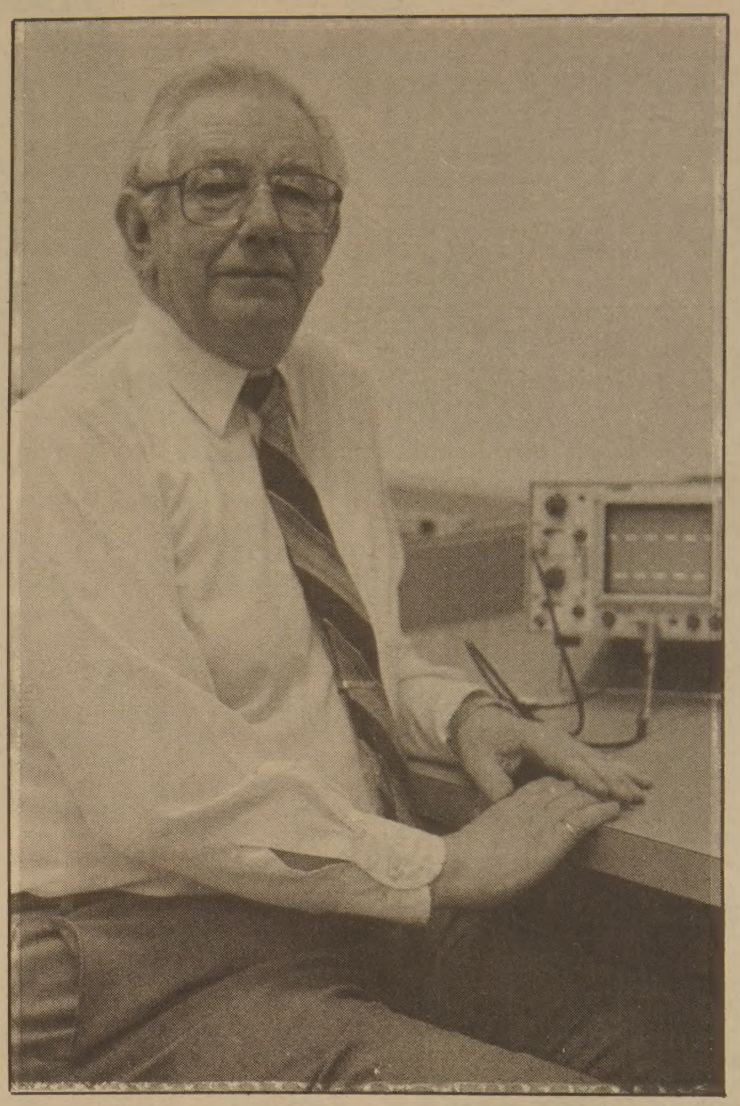
The student executive of the Niagara College branch nominated Mr. Scoones. They were required to submit an essay stating the reasons why they felt their branch counsellor had earned the qualifications for the award.

Trevor Burns, president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Niagara College branch, said the nomination is "well deserved" and that Mr. Scoones is "invaluable, if you don't know who to contact."

Anthony Backler, director of the technology division, said "he has dedicated a great deal of time and energy to his students." He said the nomination is "thoroughly deserved."

Mr. Scoones helps students contact engineers in the industry and attends meetings on their behalf. "I help them, guide them, and give them advice, without actually doing the work," he said.

The selection of winners, who receive an inscribed certificate and a cash award of $500, will take place at the Institute's head office in Piscataway, N.J. and will be announced in April.



Philip Scoones has been an electronics and electrical enginnering technology and technicians instructor at Niagara College for nine years. For five years he has been the counsellor to the student chapter of the Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers which is an international organization with more than 300,000 members. Five years ago, the membership of the institute at the college was between 30 and 40 people. It has grown to more than 135 members this year. Last year the chapter received an award for the highest increase in membership. Mr. Scoones will be leaving his job as student counsellor to take the position of Student Activities Committee of the Central Canada Council vice-chairman.

Mentor program aims at bridging the gap

By MARK POWLEY
Staff Writer

The Mentor Program for second-year marketing management students aims at bridging the gap between classroom studies and the business world.

"The results of the program have exceeded my original expectations," Lawrence Cote, coordinator of marketing management, said. "I wanted students to be more familiar with the business environment."

Enthusiasm for the Mentor Program is high.

"It's a good experience with companies and how they work," Jamie Heath, a second-year marketing management student, said.

The process begins with Mr. Cote contacting local businesses in the area and compiling a list with names of mentors (teachers). Students select one mentor from the list. The mentor is advised and told they will be contacted by the student.

Students take the initiative to arrange an appointment and engage in business activities with the mentor.

Students and mentors choose their topics for discussion, such as career ambitions, resume improvements, when meeting with their mentor. Upon discussing topics, Mr. Cote said areas of the economy may "more buoyant in recessionary times."

"We talk about business issues that affect Canada, like free trade or international trade in 1992," second-year marketing management student Michael Timpano, said.

Once the student has introduced himself to the mentor, they are given plant tours, introduced to senior executives, attend business luncheons, sales calls and meet with mentor clients.

The objectives are simple: provide marketing students with contacts with business persons to reinforce the skills of the marketing course and to acquaint students with the business environment.

Each student meets with a mentor for a few hours four times in a semester. At the end of four months, students prepare a report regarding what activities they did and what benefits they found. Following the report, a wine and cheese party is held in honor of the mentors.

Local business groups range from a steel company to an insurance firm to an advertising agency.

Albert Iannantuono from Tri-Media Marketing and Publicity Inc. of Welland, said the program "gives us an opportunity to give back to the community."

Andrew Ferguson, director of business, said the program provided the students with "direct interaction with practicing marketing professionals."

"Students respond well, cooperatively and positively," Mr. Cote said, adding the program allows students to "look inside a business ... and is an important image builder (for the students and the program)."

Mr. Cote started the program with the help of an advisory committee, which provided contacts in the business community. The Mentor Program was created to help marketing students experience the business world outside the classroom.

Students learn about business culture, language used, areas of interest, the impact of economic events all in a "non-class environment, unstructured and informal," he said.

Red Cross a lot more than blood clinics

By ABBIE KELLY
Staff Writer

The name conjures images of blood donor clinics, first aid courses and homemaker services, yet the Canadian Red Cross offers programs far more extensive than one might realize.

"Some programs by nature are high profile," Eugene Maltais, a Niagara College politics teacher and president of the Welland branch of the Red Cross, said. "Programs like Tracing and Reunions usually deal with one person and are very confidential. We are trying to promote all programs."

March has been designated across Canada as Red Cross Month.

An unpublicized service provided by the Red Cross is tracing and reuniting family members. By cooperating with international agencies, families separated by war or civil strife are reunited, along with family members displaced by natural disasters.

During disasters, communities can rely on the Red Cross for emergency assistance. During the 1990 ice storm, 37 Welland residents received care from the Red Cross.

Meanwhile, families confronted with unemployment or layoffs will receive short-term assistance consisting of food, clothing and shelter.

For seniors, programs such as Meals on Wheels, Friendly Visiting and Fun and Fitness enhance the quality of life and encourage independence.

Founded in 1896 and incorporated in 1909, the Canadian Red Cross has provided Canadians with indispensible services for 82 years. With nearly 100 branches across Ontario, the Red Cross touches one in four people at some time in their lives.

"The Red Cross is one of the major volunteer organizations in the community because of the services it provides," Mr. Maltais said. "I'm amazed at the dedication and the skills and the hard work that volunteers bring to the Red Cross, and I'm truly grateful for that.

"Our major goal is to take the goodwill of our volunteers and mold it into a really cohesive team," Mr. Maltais said. "And once that happens, the Welland branch will be the best branch in Ontario."

Fast fingers please apply

If you think you have the fastest fingers in the Niagara peninsula then there is only one way to find out — enter a contest.

On Sat. April 13, the office administration programs of Niagara College and St. Catharines Business Machines will hold the third annual Fastest Fingers in the Peninsula typing contest.

There are three categories in the contest. Grades nine and 10, grades 11 and 12, and general public and post-secondary.

Top prize is a portable Olympia electronic typewriter valued at $350, courtesy of St. Catharines Business Machines. Second-place finisher receives a telephone courtesy of Radio Shack and a book, Mary Pratt, courtesy of McGraw-Hill, while the third-place winner will receive Betty Crocker's Cookbook, courtesy of Prentice-Hall.

The contest starts at 9 a.m. at Mackenzie building at the Niagara College Welland campus. Entries are needed as soon as possible. More details can be obtained by calling 735-2211, Ext. 694.

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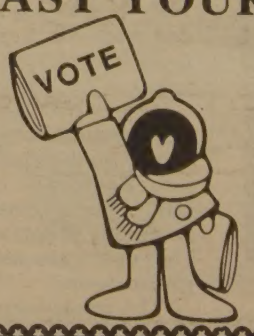

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Future nurses tour Mack

By ROBBIE CRAINE
Staff Writer

An information session for potential registered nursing (RN) students was held at the Mack campus last Friday.

This is the second time such a gathering was held, Bonnie Martyn, Year 1 co-ordinator of the program, said.

The participants were divided into three groups. One group watched a film and received an overview of the program; another group met with Year 1 students and toured the campus; and the third group wrote a math quiz and autobiography.

"The math quiz is an early warning system we have," Donna Cunningham, director of nursing, said.

If the students score poorly on the mathematics quiz but are still accepted into the program, they are warned to work on their math skills.

These skills are needed for the pharmacology section of their program, Miss Cunningham said.

The autobiographies count 30 per cent toward the students' admission to the program. The other 70 per cent is based on their academic marks, she said.

The autobiographies are marked by instructors and credit is given for life experience "and probably more so for their ability to express themselves well in proper English," Miss Cunningham said.

At the end of an hour, the three groups rotated so each group would have an opportunity to participate in each activity. The afternoon session was a repeat of the morning session.

First-year students Bernadette Ironmonger, Jack Pietersen, Tracey Cruse, Tracy Christie, and Tina Michener spoke to the prospective students and conducted tours of the college. They shared some of their experiences as students and answered questions.

The information session almost met the expectations of organizers. Mrs. Martyn said she had expected 300 people to attend. Miss Cunningham said they received 270 autobiographies.

However, not all the participants will attend Mack. Some may have applied to other nursing programs. They may be waiting for acceptances or trying to decide which program to enter.

Only 125 students will be accepted in the program. Along with writing the mathematics quiz and the autobiography, the applicants must have a 60 per cent mark in high school chemistry.

Nervous interviewer

Staff Writer Shannon Stranges was a little nervous over her first interview for the Niagara News. Here are her feelings about the interview. *See story Page 14.*

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

It was 11:20 a.m. and I was starting to get nervous. I had an interview for 11:30 a.m. and it didn't look like he was going to show up.

This was going to be my first interview for the Niagara News, and I was beginning to get a little nervous.

Kari Chwieczak, also a first-year journalism student, and I decided to take a look around the college, maybe my interviewee was lost.

Some people in the college, when you mention the journalism floor, look at you strange. "We have a paper?" is often the surprised question.

We looked all over the college and could not find him. So we grimly walked back to the second floor Simcoe lounge near the journalism newsroom. There was a guy sitting there neither one of us had seen before. We looked at each other.

"Is that him?" Kari asked.

"I don't know, could be," I said. I was told my subject for the interview was wearing cowboy boots. Well, this person had cowboy boots, it must be him.

"Are you Randy Rousseau?" I asked.

"Yeah," he said. "I'm a little late."

I am five-feet two inches if I stretch and lie a bit. Randy was sitting down so I quickly did too. He was at least one-foot taller than me sitting down. I felt like a Munchkin.

Now anyone who has ever seen a professional hockey player knows they are big men, both in size and ego.

As the questioning started, I expected to get answers about how great he is, how good looking he is, how great he plays, and other great things about himself. Boy, was I shocked.

Instead, Randy, a left winger for the Jr. B. hockey team in Welland — the Aerostars — turned out to be the most down to earth guy in the world. He didn't say he was the best in anything. In fact he seemed almost shy about talking about himself.

When I asked him questions about his favorite actors, movies, and other things, he wanted to know why I needed to know this information.

"Is this going into the paper?" he asked.

Mr. Rousseau is big; this has been established. He looks like a typical athlete though, except maybe that this athlete works out more than most.

As the interview finished, he seemed almost happy. Well, I sure hope he is happy. It is not everyday someone can say that they had the honor of being my first interview.

Lack of concern by class reps

The ratio for class representatives who attend weekly meetings sponsored by the Student Administrative Council is "low" when compared to the total number of class representatives.

Of the approximate 34 full-time day courses with class representatives at Niagara College, only about five or six individuals regularly attend the weekly meetings.

"Those that are there are those who want to keep in touch with what's going on in and around the college," Lou Dimattio, student liaison officer, said.

The others opt to go to the Hamilton Room to watch a movie or go to lunch rather than the meeting, she said.

The meetings usually take 10 to 15 minutes and are held every Tuesday in ME 208.

The purpose of the meetings is to inform the class representatives of the upcoming events at the college. The elected class representatives are then obligated to inform their classmates about the upcoming events.

"If more students participated in class representative meetings, it would result in less apathy and they would therefore be more informed," Lou said.

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Jamieson new head of Physical Resources

By LISA PRATT
Staff Writer

The position of director of physical resources, requiring skills in human resources and engineering, has found the right man — Patrick Jamieson.

"This job has the scope and challenge that anyone with an engineering discipline would be looking for," Mr. Jamieson said.

Mr. Jamieson of Limehouse, Ont., took over the position of director on Monday, a position held by Mal Woodhouse since December.

His job at Niagara College consists of looking after the grounds of the Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, and Welland campuses, renovations of existing facilities, project management of new facilities, parking, and janitorial services.

As much as engineering skills are important in his line of work, human resources are also necessary, Mr. Jamieson said.

He said there are a number of current issues that need to be resolved quickly and with the help of his colleagues he hopes to get them resolved.

Mr. Jamieson said he is "fortunate" to be working with such a competent and helpful staff. "Quality people make it a quality job." His colleagues have been friendly and have welcomed him aboard.

He is a member of the Canadian Society of Safety Engineers and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Mr. Jamieson grew up in Shanty Bay, Ont., a town near Barrie, Ont. After high school, he attended Ryerson where he graduated with a degree in electronics technology. He went on to the University of Toronto and graduated in professional engineering.

Mr. Jamieson has worked in the electronics field as a design engineer. He has two patents in six countries in electronic instrumentation.

Before coming to Niagara College, Mr. Jamieson was a manger of engineering and loss prevention where he was in charge of five-million-square-feet of building area in 23 different locations from St. John's, Nfld. to Vancouver, B.C.

Mr. Jamieson has taught a variety of subjects. He taught evening classes at Seneca College. He has taught total quality assurance and statistical process control. He also taught workplace hazardous material information system.

Mr. Jamieson was impressed by Niagara College. He said it was a "pretty campus". "The grounds are nice and clean and he was very impressed by the blue bins for garbage and cigarette butts."

Mr. Jamieson has two daughters and one son.

Forces seek new recruits

Career services welcomes the Canadian Forces to Niagara College next Tuesday.

Two representatives from the Halifax military base and a career counsellor from the St. Catharines recruiting centre will be outlining a new program called Skilled Trade Entry Plan.

The presentation, co-ordinated by Judy Stankus, will concentrate on naval technical occupations and recruiting for technical programs.

Interested students can attend the seminar upstairs in the Tecumseh lounge from 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Sports

Mixing business and pleasure

By SHANNON STRANGES
Staff Writer

At first glance, the Welland Al Slattery Aerostars and the Business Administration Marketing program at Niagara College have nothing in common. But upon second glance, that changes.

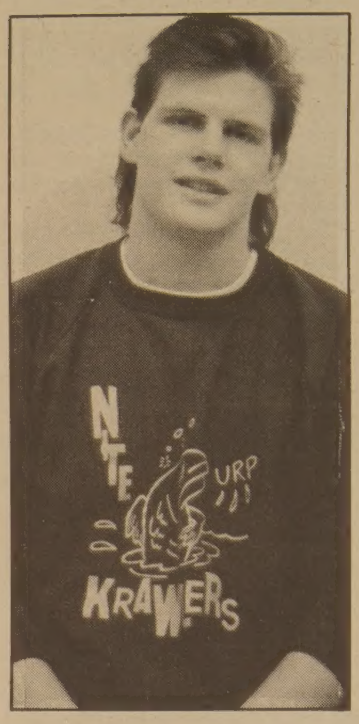
Randy Rousseau is what these two things have in common.

Not only is Randy, 20, an all star left winger for the Jr. B hockey team, but he is a second-year student at the college.

This Welland native has been playing hockey for about 15 years. Besides playing for the Aerostars, he has also played for the Niagara Falls Canucks (now Thunder Jr. B's).

As an Aerostar, this has been his best season. The hockey team finished in first place; a feat which has not been accomplished in 12 seasons.

While at school, he takes classes in sales and merchandising in the hopes of getting a retail job after graduation.



RANDY ROUSSEAU

For those who have never seen Randy play, just examine Toronto Maple Leafs' left winger Wendel Clark.

"Wendel's tough and aggressive. I like that," said Randy, who has been a Maple Leaf fan since he was a youngster.

Asked about the possibility of being drafted by the National Hockey League, he looks down at his boots and says, "No way, I'm too old."

If he could be drafted, he would like to go to "Los Angeles or Toronto."

So what does a hockey player do when the season ends? He works out. When Randy is not playing hockey, he is exercising, "hanging out or partying."

He starts fidgeting with the white Tiger Snake skin boots he just bought at Jim and Chuck's Boot Shop in the United States.

The team that wins this series of games will play the winner of the St. Catharines Falcons and Fort Erie Meteors game.

Council donates athletic scholarships

Student Administrative Council has donated athletic scholarships to five Niagara College students.

Rob Scriven, in his second year of law and security administration, won the college's hockey scholarship.

"I was surprised," said 22-year-old Rob. "There are five or six guys on the (hockey) team who deserve it too."

Rob's $300 award will be used towards his university education for next fall. He plans to attend McMaster University to study criminology.

Karri Goering, a second-year health sciences preparatory student from St. Catharines, is a member of the college's mixed curling team. She played for two years on the women's volleyball scholarship.

Brian Giles, of St. Catharines, a second-year computer programming student, won the men's volleyball and touch football scholarship.

Greg Upshall, a second-year business administration student, from St. Catharines, received the school's curling scholarship.

Vahid Amini, a first-year health sciences preparatory student, from St. Catharines, won a scholarship for his participation in men's volleyball.

This is the third year the money for these scholarships has been raised and donated by the Student Administrative Council.

Law, security students volunteer for tournament

About 40 law and security students from Niagara College spent last weekend gaining "valuable work experience" by volunteering their time at the Welland Minor Hockey Association Little National Hockey League tournament held in Welland, Port Colborne and Pelham.

Their duties included taking money from the admission gate, making sure people were not entering without paying, and making sure security measures were followed.

Rob Shaidle, the law and security program co-ordinator, said his students were chosen because hiring police officers would be expensive for the organizers. "It gives the program good publicity in the community, and it gives our students valuable experience."

This is the third year the law and security program has participated in the event.

Dental awareness day today near the mini-cafeteria.

Be daring, take test, smile with confidence for dental awareness day participation

By MARILYN WALKINGTON
Staff Writer

Make sure your smile is wide to show your pearly whites today until 1 p.m.

Dental Awareness Day is being held beside the marketing window near the Student Administrative Council office. It is an opportunity to ask questions and participate in demonstrations concerning the care of your teeth.

The project was chosen by three students in the one-year Dental Assistant program.

Sharon Devreede, 23, Brenda St. Pierre, 21, and Sharnie Timoteo, 20, organized all the events concerning Dental Awareness Day.

Sandra Stewart, instructor of the preventive dentistry class, said it is one of the various projects chosen by different students to show their interest and help people learn the importance of taking care of their teeth.

Dental Awareness Day was once an "on-going project" of the past dental hygiene program for Dental Health Week so the three students decided to re-introduce the idea, Mrs. Stewart said.

The purpose is "to get everyone involved" and make them aware of proper care of their teeth, Sharon said.

Earlier today, there were demonstrations on the proper way to brush your teeth. A plaque test shows the amount of plaque left on your teeth, even after brushing.

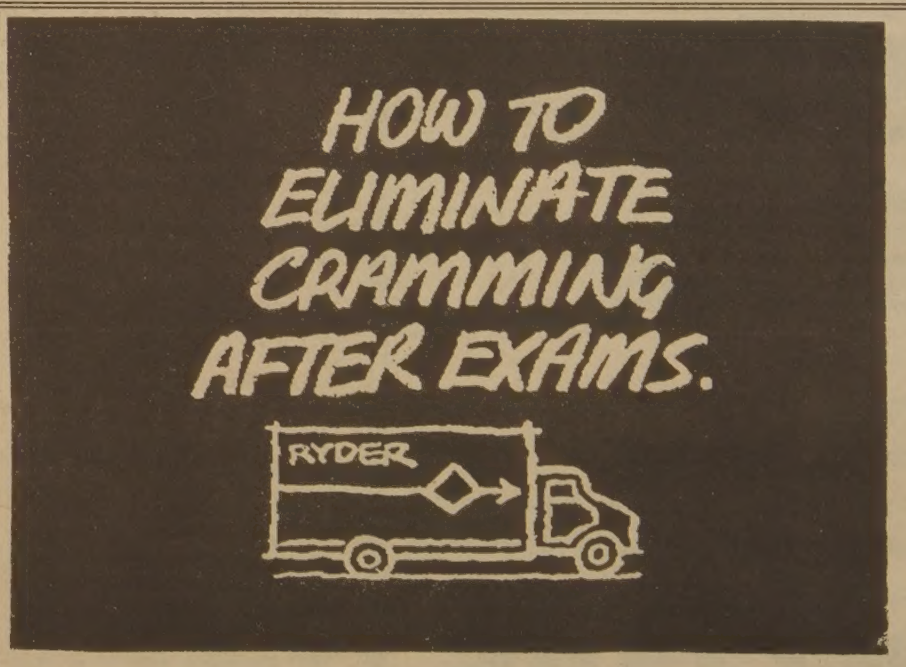
Sharon said she would like to see "anyone daring enough to do it."

"Gum will be given out to encourage (people) to try it," Sharnie said.

There will also be a chance to win a waterpik donated by Teledyne Co. if you "guess the number of spools of floss."

The winner will be drawn at noon.

Sharon said because of bacteria build-up "you should change toothbrushes every three months."



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Sports

Superstitious defenceman

By KARI CHWIECZAK
Staff Writer

On game day, his alarm goes off at 9:30 a.m. After a 2 p.m. pre-game meal of spaghetti, he takes what he calls a "pre-game nap." He is up and into the shower at exactly 4:30 p.m. and arrives at the Niagara Falls Memorial Arena by 5:30 p.m.

While in the change room, he puts his right elbow pad on first. then his left pad. This is followed by his right shin pad, left shin pad, right skate, and left skate.

Superstition is all part of the game for Niagara Falls Thunder defenceman Derek Booth, a first-year business administration student at Niagara College.

"Sometimes I'm late for warm-up because I've broken the pattern," said Derek. "I'd have to go back to the change room and start over again."

This 20-year-old Niagara Falls resident is not well known to hockey fans because of his superstitions. Instead, Derek is known for his outstanding and aggressive hockey abilities.

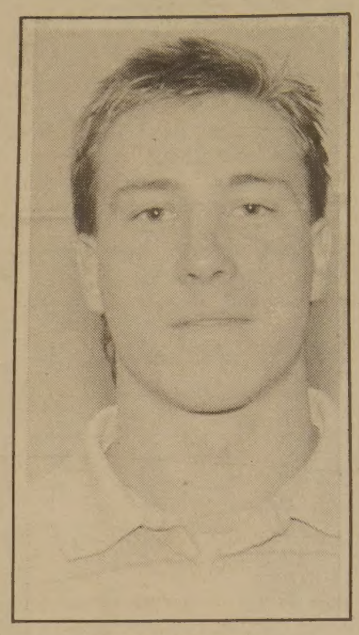
The Thunder, who play in the Ontario Hockey League, finished tied for first place in their respective division with 87 points.

"The team we're playing now (Kitchener Rangers) is very good," said Derek. "Both teams are evenly matched. We outshoot them during the games, but I think this series is going to be close."

As with many sports teams, rookie players hang out with other rookies, and veterans with veterans. The Thunder fall into that category.

"We all get along well in the change room," said Derek, who also enjoys football, golf and soccer. "We all go out to the movies, or for dinner, together. I think that makes for a close-knit team."

Although Derek was born and raised in Niagara Falls, this season was his first year back living at home. When he was 16, Derek played Tier II hockey in Owen Sound.



DEREK BOOTH

"There is a lot of adjusting involved, and I was homesick for months, but I had great billets who helped me through it."

Derek was drafted into the OHL in 1987 by the Cornwall Royals. During his successful rookie season, he was expected to be drafted into the National Hockey League in the second round. But because of a poor performance in the playoffs that year, he was not drafted.

From Cornwall, he was traded to the Sudbury Wolves, and dealt to the Hamilton Dukes last season.

"I like it in Sudbury, but they traded me because Hamilton had a berth in the Memorial Cup," he said.

Because of Hamilton's poor season, they were pulled out of the Memorial Cup, the junior hockey championship, to the disappointment of Derek.

"I was ticked off. I needed to show my skills to NHL scouts during that tournament so I could possibly get drafted. It was a disappointment."

This is Derek's final year in the OHL, and he has yet to be drafted into the NHL. He is hoping an NHL team will invite him to next season's training camp, as he is now too old to be drafted.

If that does not work out, Derek would like to play university hockey next fall.

"I've had scholarship offers from different universities. I'd like to give that a try if an NHL tryout doesn't come up," said Derek, who enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and weight lifting.

Something Derek will miss when he leaves the game of hockey is signing autographs for the fans.

"I enjoy signing. It shows they're interested in junior hockey," he said. "I'm just trying to give something back to the kids."

His parents, Charles and Sherry, attend all of Derek's games. His brother and sister, his girlfriend, Brenda, and his friends are always at the rink to cheer him on.

"The support I've received has been incredible," said Derek.

This outgoing six-foot one inch young man is also popular with his teammates.

"He's a good guy," said Thunder defenceman Paul Wolanski, also a Niagara College student.

"He's a proven team leader, and he works hard all the time," Paul said.

Mixing school with hockey is a task that is not always successful.

"I only take two courses, but with the playoffs, I'm behind in two weeks of school work," Derek said. "We hardly miss any school during the regular season though."

"When I'm out on the ice, I can't think about school. When I am at school, I can't think about hockey. I have to balance both of them out, but I manage," he said.

The Thunder are playing in a best-of-seven wins series with Kitchener. The Thunder lead the series 2-1. Game five will be played at the Niagara Falls Memorial Arena tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Teeing up for charity

Watch for details to be posted throughout the halls of the school on this year's annual Niagara College Golf Classic.

No date has been set, but more information will become available next week, business sales student, Dennis Winger, said.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Tickets for this charity event are available from business sales students, or at the business sales office in ME104A.

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Soccer team loses third game

The Niagara College indoor soccer team was defeated for the third time this year Tuesday night when they were beaten by Wild Mushroom at the Welland Indoor Soccer Dome.

At the end of the first half, Wild Mushroom built up a 3-0 score.

"It was atrocious," said coach Ed Fox. "It was the worst half we've ever played on defence. We were missing our passes and not covering our man."

Niagara scored minutes into the second half, but Wild Mushroom beat Niagara goalie Darren O'Grady to make the score 4-1.

Two quick goals by Niagara, who play in the Mens B Blue Division, made the score 4-3.

Len Camelino led the way for Niagara with two goals, and Nick Fabiano had the other.

"We tightened the defence in the second half, but not much went right for us tonight," coach Fox said.

Niagara's record is one win, three losses, and two ties. The team's next game will be Tuesday, March 26 at the Welland Indoor Soccer Dome. Game time is 7 p.m.

Honoring athletes focus of banquet

More than 110 Niagara College athletes are expected to attend next week's 22nd annual athletic banquet and awards night at the American Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ont.

Students who are members of the golf, badminton, touch football, hockey, curling, men's basketball and men's and women's volleyball teams are invited to the dinner, scheduled for March 27.

Each player will receive a participation pin. A number of awards will also be given out.

"Eighty-five per cent of the invited players showed up last year," Peter Rylander, coordinator of the college's athletic department, said. "If that percentage increases for next week's banquet, it will be a success."

Niagara College president John Saso, Welland Mayor Roland Hardy, Mr. Rylander and others will present the awards.

Female and male athletes of the year, rookie of the year and most valuable player awards will be among the awards to be given out.

"It's a lot of fun. And how can the players not want a free meal," Mr. Rylander said.

A player's name must appear on the banquet guest list to attend the dinner. The list is available from the school's athletic department or from the individual coaches. If your name does not appear on the list, please contact Mr. Rylander at Ext. 681.

The event begins at 6 p.m. The Americana Hotel is located at 8444 Lundy's Lane.

GOLF TEAM: Mike Gage, Dave Morris, Shane Bilodeau, Jack Eldrige.

BADMINTON TEAM: Wayne Mittlestead, Richard Leney, Barry Wills, Steve Pearce, Mark Lindsay, Michelle Hall, Jason Blanchette.

TOUCH FOOTBALL TEAM: Glenn Farnan, Jack Eldrige, Brian Giles, Jason Metcalf, Mike Robinson, Jason Kish, Mike Halle, Darren Sawyer, Winston Grosse, Joe Nagy, Gord Orcutt, Craig Spada, Ron Bonaldo, Jeff Hage.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM: Lisa Atkinson, Tobi Campbell, Karri Goering, Andrea Knox, Jen McCabe, Cheryl McVicar, Beth Miller, Georgina Seburn, Denise Dawson.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM: Vahid Amini, Brian McDonald, Shane Holland, Jeff Hage, Sylvain Heroux, Paul Wilson, Mark Antolich, Brian Giles, Kevin Bouchard, Franco Tamburri.

MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM: John Bacik, Chris Karpinchick, Ken Bilodeau, John Savarie, Tom Landry, Lance Parcher, James Ward, Rob Hoath, Dan Ruetz, Rob Scriven, Dave Hall, Chris Smith, Simon Wayda, Jeff Mazi, Dennis Winger, Kent Loach, Mike Duerden, Gerry Ellison, Brian Rome, Mike Ticknovich, Don McSpadden, Tom Wallis, Randy Kerr, Jim Beattie, John Raymond, Phil Deschamps, Chris Klauch.

CURLING TEAM: Scott Banner, Linda Boryska, Stephen Day, Brian Lewis, Karri Goering, Keith Hawkins, Laurie Anne Fallis, Nicole Wickens, Trevor Scoulding, Greg Upshall.

INDOOR SOCCER TEAM: Sal Iamarino, Len Camelino, Lee Mooney, Frank Serra, Michael Timpano, Darren O'Grady, Steve McIntyre, John DiMartile, Dave Nilan, Sean Persin, Stephen Persin, Rich Gonzalez, Nick Fabiano, Dag Tesfaye, Steve Celestini.

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Smoker speaks for others

By LISA WEISS
Staff Writer

It's an issue she believes deserves the attention of everyone at Niagara College. Posters are hung on many walls, and a petition is passed around the Merritt building.

The list of names begins to grow, the signs are read by everyone who passes by, and the Niagara News is getting letters to show the different attitudes towards this problem.

Who is the person behind all of this controversy? She is Karen Schmous, a first-year business student. She has decided to come forward for all the smokers at the college and give them what she feels they deserve.

"I feel smokers are being denied their rights to an indoor-smoking area. We need somewhere where we can sit, have a coffee, and relax," she said.

The college, being smoke-free, is having a problem right now keeping the smokers outside rather than inside between the doorways leading in and out of the school.

"The college wants to invest in bus shelters or portables to put around the outside of the school. But this still leaves us exposed to Mother Nature, and that's not fair," she said.

Those students who are non-smokers are concerned about the second-hand smoke they're being exposed to when going in and out of the college and where their rights lie in this issue.

"I agree with the rights of a non-smoker and that they shouldn't be exposed to second-hand smoke, but they have to realize smokers have rights too," she said.

Karen is planning to take her petition of more than 300 names to the college's Board of Governors. She is hoping to accomplish a solution to take smokers out of the cold and rain, and not expose non-smokers in any way.

"If we are given a ventilated room in the college, it would be up to the individual whether or not to enter it. If you don't smoke, you shouldn't come in," she said.

"And if we are given a room to smoke in, and people continue to smoke in between the doorways, they should be given fines or warnings. All they would be doing is violating a privilege that we would be lucky to have."

Next year when the student centre opens, Karen said it should be a designated smoking area, or at least a smoking section.

Karen is asking people to voice their ideas, or write to the editor of the Niagara News.

"I'm not doing this for myself. I'm doing it for everyone who smokes at the college. Why should non-smokers deny us of something we want to do?" she asks.

Karen wants to make people stop and listen to her argument. This is what she is hoping to accomplish with the petition.

Dental hygiene

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12 per cent took positions elsewhere.

In 1991, 31 per cent of 2,959 dentists surveyed by the Royal College of Dental Surgeons were optimistic about hiring hygienists. In 1985 an Ontario Dental Association survey revealed only 24 per cent of dentists were willing to hire a dental hygienist.

A 60s dance

Step back in time and dance the night away tomorrow at the Niagara College Welland campus cafeteria.

The college's 25th anniversary committee has planned a 60s dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. with music provided by Stu Black's Musicmaker D.J.s.

Although not necessary, faculty and staff are encouraged to come in costume. A prize for the best 1960s costume for male and female will be awarded.

Pizza and liquor will be sold.

Tickets are still available for $5 by contacting Marlene Cain, H26, Welland campus, Ext. 548, or you may purchase them at the door for the same price.

Food Bank needs donations

The Niagara Regional Dieticians are supporting a Food Drive until March 28. Food donations will be given to the Food Bank of Niagara.

As the drive is part of National Nutrition Month, the dieticians are recommending all donations be nutritious. Homemade goods and goods past their expiry date will not be accepted.

Suggested donations include peanut butter, canned poultry, canned fish, canned beans, canned meals (such as stew), dry peas, dry beans, and dry lentils.

Bread and cereal donations could include cereal, pasta, rice, crackers, and infant cereal.

Milk and milk products donations must be powdered or canned milk, and liquid or powdered infant formula.

The fruit and vegetable donations suggested are canned fruit, canned juice, canned vegetables, tomato sauce, canned potatoes, and instant potatoes.

Bins for donations are located at the St. Catharines General Hospital, Hotel Dieu Hospital, Shaver Hospital, and the Niagara Peninsula Rehabilitation Centre — all in St. Catharines; Greater Niagara General Hospital in Niagara Falls, and Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie.

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